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Proceedings
of Grand ::
Chapter of
Royal Arch
Masons of
Alberta ::
1930

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To Scribes E.

PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Acknowledge to the Grand Scribe E. the *receipt* of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter—one copy to be retained by the Scribe E and one by each of the three Principals.

The financial year of Subordinate Chapters *ends* the 31st *December*, and Scribes E are required to forward their returns to the Grand Scribe E IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. (See Clause 59—Constitution.)

All cheques should be made PAYABLE AT PAR at Calgary.

Write the names of Companions *in full*, plainly, in the returns so that there may be no errors in filling out the Grand Chapter Certificate. Also see that the AGE, OCCUPATION and PLACE OF RESIDENCE are not omitted. Where deaths are included, THE DATE OF DECEASE should accompany the record.

Send a full list of the officers of your Chapter immediately after installation.

The list of Companions suspended *must be read out at the next Regular Convocation following the receipt of these Proceedings.*



Masonic Temples of Calgary

ON these pages are shown views of the Alpha and Omega of Calgary's Masonic Temples, a comparison of which will give a graphic idea of the progress of the Craft in this city in forty-five years.

It was in 1884 that Bow River Lodge A.F. & A.M. (then No. 28 on the Grand Registry of Manitoba) met in an old log building on Ninth Avenue East, on the Elbow River. After this the Lodge found a home (1) in the building on Eighth Avenue East by the Queen's Hotel; (2) in the old Victoria



The organization meetings of Bow River Lodge A.F. & A.M. were held in this building.

Block; (3) in the well appointed lodge room of Perfection Lodge A.F. & A.M., No. 9, in the Alexander Corner on Eighth Avenue and First Street West; and finally, in the new Masonic Temple on Twelfth Avenue West, overlooking the beautiful Memorial Park.

This fine new temple was dedicated on December 28th, 1928, by M. W. Brother Alexander M. Mitchell, Grand Master, the first sod having been turned on May 14th of the same year.



Masonic Temple, Twelfth Avenue West, Calgary

by His Worship the Mayor of Calgary, Companion Frederick E. Osborne, and the foundation stone laid on June 13th by R. E. Companion George E. Cruickshank, then Grand Master.

There are in the building two lodge rooms—one on the ground floor, used exclusively by the eight Craft Lodges; the other on the upper floor, used by the other bodies. On the top floor is a banquet room with kitchen facilities, whilst in the basement is another larger banquet room, with a stage at one end, and a well-equipped kitchen adjoining, from which banquets are served. On this floor also are a card room and a billiard room.

The large Banquet Hall makes a very fine ballroom. On the first floor, in addition to the usual anterooms, there is a comfortably furnished reading room, well supplied with periodicals, and also the office of the Temple management. The Grand Lodge offices and Library are located on the Mezzanine Floor. The building is of modern construction and is fireproof throughout.

The following eight lodges own and operate the building through a Board of Directors: Bow River, No. 1; Perfection, No. 9; Calgary, No. 23; Ashlar, No. 28; Mount Lebanon, No. 54; Zetland, No. 83; Concord, No. 124; Renfrew, No. 134.

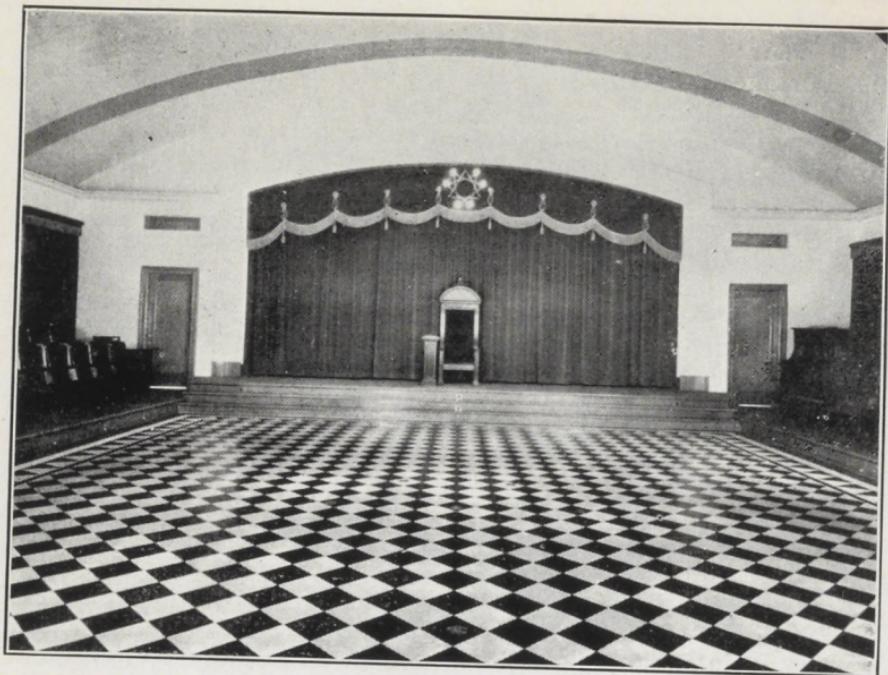
Other bodies meeting in the building are: Two Chapters of Royal Arch Masons (Alberta Chapter, No. 1, and Otuskwan, Chapter, No. 9), Cyprus Preceptory No. 33, Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, Calgary Lodge of Perfection and Delta Chapter of Rose Croix of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Calgary is now in an excellent position as a Masonic meeting place, for, in addition to the Temple above described, there are three smaller Temples: In Hillhurst, owned by King George Lodge, No. 59; in Crescent Heights, owned by Crescent Lodge, No. 87; and in South Calgary, owned by St. Mark's Lodge, No. 118, all of them substantial, well-appointed buildings.

THE GENESIS OF CAPITULAR MASONRY IN ALBERTA

Alberta Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, numbered 106 on the Grand Register of Canada, now No. 1 on the Register of Alberta, was the first Chapter to be instituted in what is now the Province of Alberta.

A dispensation for this Chapter was granted, on the recommendation of the Committee on Warrants, by the Grand Chapter of Canada on the 22nd day of July, A.D. 1892, A.I. 2422, and the same was issued on the 29th day of July, 1892,



Masonic Temple, Calgary—The Red Room



Masonic Temple, Calgary—Craft Lodge Room

by Most Excellent Companion John E. Harding, Grand Z., and M. E. Companion Thomas Sargent, Grand Scribe E. It may be interesting to note that, while Keystone Chapter, No. 99, Portage La Prairie, was the nearest, the petition was recommended by Prince Rupert's Chapter No. 52, Winnipeg, but the Committee over-ruled the Grand Superintendent, who was interpreting the strict letter of the law. The Institution Ceremonies took place in the lodge room, then located on the south side of Stephen Avenue (now Eighth Avenue East), about 200 feet east of what is now Second Street East.

At that time all the territory from the Ontario boundary to the Pacific coast comprised one Masonic district, known as Manitoba District No. 15, of which R. E. Companion Thomas Robinson was the Grand Superintendent.

It was impossible for R. E. Companion Robinson to come to Calgary (a distance of 628 miles), neither was it convenient for a member of the proposed Chapter to go to Winnipeg. Eventually Companion (Dr.) Lindsay, the Z. designate, had business calling him to Ottawa, and he stopped over for a couple of days at Winnipeg, when the Grand Superintendent took advantage of the opportunity to instal him at a regular meeting of Signet Chapter, held on the 25th day of January, 1893, and delivered to him the Dispensation, with instructions to instal his officers, presenting another dispensation from the Grand First Principal for that purpose. This the E. Companion did in due course.

The first meeting of the newly organized Chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, on the 17th day of March, 1893, when the following officers were installed by Excellent Companion Dr. Nelville J. Lindsay, assisted by E. Companion J. Thompson Black, Past Principal of Prince Rupert's Chapter No. 52: E. Companion Reginald N. Kirkpatrick, Second Principal H.; E. Companion E. Nelson Brown, Third Principal J.; Companion George Murdoch, Scribe E.; Companion James Brogdon, Scribe N.; Companion R. H. M. Rawlinson, Principal Sojourner; Companion Thomas N. Christie, Treasurer; Companion (Dr.) Robert G. Brett, Senior Sojourner; Companion Arthur W. R. Markley, Junior Sojourner; Companion Thomas Harris, Master of the 4th Veil; Companion Amos Rowe, Master of the 3rd Veil; Companion Walter R. Lindsay, Janitor.

An application having been made praying for a Warrant of Constitution, the same was granted by the Grand Chapter of Canada on the 21st day of July, 1893, to be numbered 106. It bears the signatures of M. E. Companion John E. Harding as Grand Z., R. E. Companion John Ross Robertson as Grand H., R. E. Companion M. Walsh as Grand J., and M. E. Companion Thomas Sargent as Grand Scribe E.



Yours Fraternally,

James R. Flan

Grand Z., 1929.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

at the
Sixteenth
Annual Convocation
1930

Held in the
City of EDMONTON, Alberta
March 19th-20th, 1930

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Sixteenth Annual Convocation Proceedings

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on the 19th and 20th days of March, A.D. 1930, A.L. 2460.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. James R. Flan.	Grand First Prin.	Grand Council
R. E. Comp. John W. G. Morrison	Grand Second Prin.	
R. E. Comp. James A. McGhee	Grand Third Prin.	
R. E. Comp. Raymond H. Norton	Grand Supt. District No. 1	
R. E. Comp. William S. Cameron	Grand Supt. District No. 2	
R. E. Comp. William B. Way	Grand Supt. District No. 3	
R. E. Comp. Charles Comba	Grand Supt. District No. 4	
R. E. Comp. Percy Cull	Grand Supt. District No. 5	
R. E. Comp. Clifford R. Wentzel	Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)	
R. E. Comp. Victor W. Wright	Grand Scribe N.	
R. E. Comp. Charles H. Minchin	Grnad Principal Sojourner	
R. E. Comp. William C. Black	Grand Treasurer	
R. E. Comp. Archibald B. McCurdy	Grand Registrar	
V. E. Comp. George A. Rounce	Grand Senior Sojourner	
V. E. Comp. Frederick J. Summerill	Grand Junior Sojourner	
R. E. Comp. Cyril A. MacPherson	Grand Lecturer	
V. E. Comp. John G. Odell	Grand Master 3rd Veil	
V. E. Comp. John H. Richardson	Grand Pursuivant	
V. E. Comp. Arthur Robinson	Grand Steward	
V. E. Comp. Ross A. Van Slyke	Grand Steward	
Comp. John L. Johnstone	Grand Tyler	

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

M. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey	1919
M. E. Comp. George B. McLeod	1922
M. E. Comp. William T. Coote	1923
M. E. Comp. Samuel H. Middleton	1925
M. E. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside	1926
M. E. Comp. William M. McNab	1927
M. E. Comp. Frederick S. Selwood	1928

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

R. E. Comp. Mark B. Peacock	California
V. E. Comp. George A. Rounce.....	Colorado
R. E. Comp. George W. Elliott.....	Delaware
R. E. Comp. John W. G. Morrison.....	District of Columbia
R. E. Comp. Archie West.....	Indiana
R. E. Comp. Francis V. Truesdale.....	Kansas
R. E. Comp. William S. Cameron.....	Kentucky
M. E. Comp. Frederick S. Selwood.....	Maine
R. E. Comp. George D. Wallace.....	Manitoba
R. E. Comp. William B. Way.....	Massachusetts
M. E. Comp. James R. Flan.....	Michigan
R. E. Comp. Arthur G. Finch.....	Minnesota
V. E. Comp. Arthur Robinson.....	Mississippi
R. E. Comp. Cyril A. MacPherson.....	Missouri
M. E. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside.....	Nebraska
R. E. Comp. Percy Cull.....	Nevada
V. E. Comp. Frederick J. Summerill.....	New Hampshire
M. E. Comp. William T. Coote.....	New Jersey
R. E. Comp. Clifford R. Wentzel.....	New South Wales
M. E. Comp. George B. McLeod.....	New York
R. E. Comp. Raymond H. Norton.....	New Zealand
R. E. Comp. George S. Armstrong.....	Nova Scotia
M. E. Comp. William M. McNab.....	Ohio
V. E. Comp. Joseph V. Follett.....	Oklahoma
R. E. Comp. James A. McGhee.....	Oregon
R. E. Comp. Archibald B. McCurdy.....	Rhode Island
M. E. Comp. Samuel H. Middleton	Scotland
V. E. Comp. John G. Odell.....	Texas
R. E. Comp. William C. Black.....	Utah
M. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey.....	Vermont
V. E. Comp. Arthur N. Saddington.....	Victoria
V. E. Comp. Percy Fielding.....	West Australia
R. E. Comp. William J. Haynes.....	Wisconsin

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 9:20 o'clock a.m., March 19th.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

R. E. Companion William C. Black, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there were twenty-eight warranted Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter and that twenty-six were represented by delegates as follows:

Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Calgary

M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, R. E. Companions Mark B. Peacock, Charles H. Minchin and Victor W. Wright, E. Companions Frederick J. Hand and Albert E. Portman.

North Star Chapter, No. 2, Edmonton

M. E. Companion George B. McLeod, R. E. Companions Hedley C. Taylor, George W. Elliott, Archie West and Arhibal B. McCurdy, E. Companions Matthew Robbins and Garnett L. Tipp, Z.

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3 Medicine Hat

R. E. Companion Arthur G. Finch, Z.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, Lethbridge

R. E. Companion Percy Cull (proxy)

Golden West Chapter, No. 5, High River

R. E. Companion William B. Way (proxy)

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, Wetaskiwin

R. E. Companion George D. Wallace and V. E. Companion George L. Gothard.

Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod

M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton and E. Companion William V. Price.

Kether Chapter, No. 8, Pincher Creek

M. E. Companion William M. McNab. (proxy)

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, Calgary

M. E. Companion James R. Flan, R. E. Companions Francis V. Turesdale and Charles Comba, V. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, E. Companions J. C. Calvin Spence and Wilfred Pearson, Z.

Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, Gleichen

R. E. Companion Charles Comba (proxy).

Calgary Chapter, No. 11, Calgary

M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, R. E. Companions Clifford R. Wentzel, William C. Black and E. Companion Gladstone R. Hains, Z.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer

M. E. Companion William T. Coote, R. E. Companion George H. Best (proxy), and V. E. Companion Ross A. Van Slyke.

Capital City Chapter, No. 13, Edmonton

M. E. Companion William M. McNab, R. E. Companions George S. Armstrong and Roy M. Lambertson, V. E. Companion Frederick J. Summerill, E. Companions Kenneth Fraser, Z., Walter Hill, H., and George Rait, J.

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, Vermilion

R. E. Companions John W. G. Morrison, Percy Fielding and Raymond H. Norton, E. Companions Leonard G. Dunaway, Edwin Corley, Z., William W. Bell, H., and Thomas Watts, J.

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, Hillcrest

E. Companion Robert E. Donkin.

Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, Claresholm

Not represented.

Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, Killam

R. E. Companion William J. Haynes, E. Companions George Roddick, Z., and Sidney T. Smith, J.

Norwood Chapter, No. 18, Edmonton

V. E. Companion John H. Richardson, E. Companions Alfred Russell, George Blyth, H., and George Grieve, J.

Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown.

Not represented.

Banff Chapter, No. 20, Banff

V. E. Companion Arthur N. Saddington and E. Companion John Ford (proxy)

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, Strathmore

M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey (proxy).

Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, Didsbury

R. E. Companion James A. McGhee (proxy).

Carnation Chapter, No. 23, Coronation

R. E. Companion Cuthbert Fowler (proxy).

Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary

M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, V. E. Companion George A. Rounce and E. Companion William H. Green, Z.

Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, Edmonton

R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, V. E. Companions Thomas W. Bull and Franklin Booth, E. Companions George Plasteras, James Duncan, Z., Owen J. Barker, H., and Duncan H. S. Gillis, J.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano

E. Companion Harry H. Beeber (proxy).

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, Drumheller

R. E. Companion William S. Cameron.

Hanna Chapter, No. 28, Hanna

V. E. Companion John G. Odell.

David Thompson Chapter, U.D.

E. Companion Neils A. Bolli.

On motion of R. E. Companion William C. Black, seconded by R. E. Companion William S. Cameron, it was

RESOLVED, That the preliminary report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives be received, and that the Committee be allowed to complete its report.

The Most Excellent the Grand First Principal granted permission for the admission, as visitors, of Royal Arch Masons in good standing.

**CONFIRMATION OF
MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL CONVOCATION**

On motion of R. E. Companion James A. McGhee, seconded by R. E. Companion Charles H. Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, That as the Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Convocation, held in the City of Calgary, on the 20th and 21st days of March, 1929, had been printed and copies placed in the hands of those entitled to receive them, the recorded minutes be considered as read and the same be now confirmed.

**RECEPTION OF THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL OF
SASKATCHEWAN**

M. E. Companion George Francis Burgess, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan, was, at the request of Most Excellent Companion Flan, introduced by M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, who had retired for that purpose, and was received with the customary Grand Honors.

The Grand First Principal:

M. E. Companion Burgess, we bid you welcome to our Grand Chapter and feel honored by a visit from yourself as head of the Royal Craft in our Sister Province. The relations existing between Saskatchewan and our own Province are naturally close, as we are separated only by an imaginary boundary line, and our greetings and our welcome are as cordial and sincere as possible. I would ask you to convey our kindly greetings to the Companions of your Grand Jurisdiction.

After conveying the Fraternal Greetings of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, M. E. Companion Burgess replied to the welcome of the Alberta Companions for which he expressed his thanks, and among other things emphasized the fact that he had been made a Mason in Sunny Alberta.

CIVIC WELCOME

Grand Chapter was called off to allow M. E. Companion Downey an opportunity to introduce Dr. Keeler, Deputy Mayor of the City of Edmonton, who was in waiting, and who, on behalf of the Mayor of the City, in a cordial manner welcomed the delegates to the Capital City and the meeting place for their 1930 Convocation, expressing the hope that the time would be spent pleasurable as well as profitably.

M. E. Companion Flan on behalf of Grand Chapter, in expressing his appreciation of the kindly reception of the Deputy Mayor, assured him that he was confident that our stay in the Metropolis would be of both pleasure and profit to ourselves.

WELCOME BY THE EDMONTON COMPANIONS

M. E. Companion George B. McLeod, on behalf of the four local Chapters, in his usual delightful manner welcomed the delegates to Edmonton, assuring them that everything in their power would be done to make this a very happy convocation.

R. E. Companion (Dr.) Follett replied, expressing the thanks of the visiting companions for the cordial welcome, at the same time suggesting that if any of the companions should be so unfortunate as to be brought under the supervision of his department (Stipendiary

Magistrate McLeod, Edmonton Police Court) that he would deal as leniently as possible with them.

RECEPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

The Grand First Principal requested Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters, and after they had been assembled before the Altar by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, M. E. Companion Flan, welcomed them in a few well chosen words, requesting each to convey the Greetings from this Grand Chapter to the jurisdiction he represented; to take time immediately after this Convocation, as well as other times during the year to cultivate that Masonic acquaintance that should exist between the Grand Representative and the Grand Chapter he represents, whether it be by correspondence or personal visits, but make the office of Grand Representative one of worth while importance as between Grand Chapters.

Greetings from their respective jurisdictions having been conveyed by each, M. E. Companion William T. Coote responded for the rest of the Excellent Companions.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

As Representative of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, I wish to convey the cordial and fraternal greetings of that Grand Body of Royal Arch Masons and to express their appreciation of the cordiality which has always been extended by Alberta to visiting representatives and companions from New Jersey.

Also on behalf of the representatives bringing greetings from the Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Alberta, I wish to thank you most heartily for the warm welcome you have extended to us at this your sixteenth annual convocation.

We trust your deliberations may be such that each and every companion will return to his Chapter filled with enthusiasm and determined to carry on the great work of Capitular Masonry, and by precept and example make their influence felt in building up the spirit of universal brotherhood. May we come more and more to realize that only in this way can the problems which confront humanity be solved.

We thank you for the privilege of attending this convocation and will convey to our respective Grand Chapters your kind fraternal greetings and on their behalf we extend to you our sincere good wishes for a successful and harmonious convocation.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

M. W. Brother (Rev. Canon) Samuel H. Middleton, Grand Master of Masons in the Province of Alberta, was introduced to the Grand Chapter by M. E. Companion William M. McNab in a concise and able speech.

The M. E. Grand First Principal welcomed the distinguished brother, and called for Grand Honors to be given. This having been done, the Grand First Principal greeted the Grand Master in the following terms:

Most Worshipful Sir,—On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Alberta it affords me much pleasure to welcome you on your visit today as

head of Craft Masonry in this Province, and I am also reminded that only a few years ago you occupied the chair of Grand First Principal. During your term as head of Capitular Masonry in Alberta your work for the Royal Craft made a great and I trust it will be a lasting impression on the companions, and I feel sure that your influence upon Craft Masonry will likewise have a beneficial effect. We are proud to know that one of our Past First Principals has attained eminence in Craft Masonry, and we sincerely hope that for many years to come we shall have you amongst us so that we may continue to receive your counsel and advice which I can assure you is greatly appreciated by all present.

M. Em. Sir Knight George B. McLeod, Past Supreme Grand Master Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar, was introduced by R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, and Grand Honors were accorded him. Greetings by the Grand First Principal were as follows:

Most Eminent Sir,—It is with pleasure that I welcome you to our present convocation and assure you that the companions join me very cordially in my welcome. Your presence is the more enjoyable owing to the fact that you are a Past Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter, and we will no doubt be helped by your experience in guiding our deliberations.

M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, Most Excellent President of the Council of Anointed High Priests, was presented by R. E. Companion (Judge) Hedley C. Taylor, and received Grand Honors.

In welcoming M. E. Companion Downey, the Grand First Principal extended the fraternal greetings of the members present, and said the pleasure of meeting our distinguished visitor as head of the Order of High Priesthood was enhanced by the fact that M. E. Companion Downey was also a Past Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter, and had proven his interest in Capitular Masonry by having been present at every Grand Chapter Convocation from the year of its creation, 1914.

R. Ill. Companion Clifford R. Wentzel, Grand Inspector General of the Cryptic Rite in the Province of Alberta, was introduced by R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, and Grand Honors were accorded him.

The Grand First Principal said:

Right Illustrious Sir: It affords me pleasure to welcome you as head of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in our Province and also as a Past First Principal and Scribe E. of this Grand Chapter.

The distinguished Companions were then escorted to seats in the Grand East.

REPLIES OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M.

Most Excellent Sir: It is indeed a pleasure to be welcomed here today to the midst of my own colleagues, the companions of the Grand Chapter. I would like first to express to you my hearty thanks for the cordial welcome just extended. I am not vain enough to fancy that these smiling faces, these voices of good will, this generous warmth

of recognition, are the just due of any merits of mine. I bring to you to-day the greetings and the good will of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. There always has and there always will be the best of fraternal feeling between our two Grand Bodies. The one is the summation of the other. I desire further to extend to my old friend M. E. Companion Flan congratulations on the termination of a successful year as Grand First Principal. We have wandered together along the Masonic Highway for many years. He has been a most zealous worker, and will retire from his chair leaving a reputation for all his successors to emulate.

It is a genuine inspiration to be here today, and I am convinced that our fraternal relations will continue to grow in strength.

May the blessing of the Most High guide you in your deliberations, and crown the labours of this Grand Convocation with success.

REV. CANON MIDDLETON.

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:—It is with the greatest possible pleasure that I have accepted your kind invitation to appear at this session of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, to represent the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar.

I beg to extend to you the fraternal greetings of that great Sister Body, and to express to you its sincere wish for your present and future success. It has been a great joy to us to note the advance that has been made in Royal Arch Masonry in Alberta during the past years, for as you know, on your success and development depends to a great measure the success of the Order I am today representing here, as we are so closely allied.

I trust that as the years go by our relations will become closer, and closer, and that the great ideals, and objects for which we both stand, will be carried forward because of our closer co-operation.

GEO. B. McLEOD.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD
OF ALBERTA

Most Excellent Sir and Companions: As the head of the High Priesthood in this Province, I wish to express my appreciation of my reception in this Grand Chapter this morning. The High Priesthood is of American origin, but holds Conventions in the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Ontario. The Order has been in existence in this Province since 1921, and its Annual Conventions have been the means of giving much pleasure to its members, and enabling the Past First Principals to get together once a year.

Our earnest wish is that the Grand Chapter of Alberta will have a most successful Convocation today and tomorrow.

M. M. DOWNEY.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
CRYPTIC RITE OF FREEMASONRY

Most Excellent Sir and Companions: It is indeed a pleasure as the representative of the Cryptic Rite in Alberta, to be welcomed

by you, more especially on account of your own continued activity in this branch; particularly when we anticipate the pleasure of your promised assistance and co-operation in our work of instituting a Council of Royal and Select Masters in this city at the close of this Annual Convocation, thus marking another milestone in Cryptic Rite Masonry in Alberta.

On behalf of Most Illustrious Companion J. Austin Evans, Grand Master, I extend to you the Greetings of the Supreme Grand Council of the Western Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters, and wish you every success.

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

M. E. Companion George F. Burgess took the opportunity at this time to present to M. E. Companions Edwin G. Ironside and Frederick S. Selwood, Honorary Life Membership Certificates, as Honorary Past Grand First Principals of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan.

M. E. Companions Ironside and Selwood each replied to the witty remarks of M. E. Companion Burgess, and conveyed their thanks through him to the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan for the honor bestowed upon them.

ADDRESS

of the

Grand First Principal

Excellent Companions of the Grand Chapter
of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

This is the Sixteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter and in welcoming you I express the confident hope that our deliberations will be pleasant and helpful to all. Let us commence our labors reverentially by expressing our gratitude to the Most High for blessings showered upon us and upon the Royal Craft during the past year; let us also invoke His guidance upon our proceedings so that we may not labor in vain and spend our time for naught.

I appreciate, and shall always appreciate, very highly the honor conferred upon me at our previous Convocation. To the best of my ability, I have endeavored faithfully to carry out the duties of Grand First Principal of this Grand Jurisdiction.

It is a matter for sincere congratulation that harmony prevails, that no contentious subject appeared during the year, and that the harmonious relations with Sister Grand Jurisdictions have continued

I would like to refer to the debt we of the present day owe to our predecessors—those pioneers who, in the early days, blazed the trails to an undiscovered country, enduring the hardships and suffering the heartaches. These men laid well the foundation for the future of our fair Province—they builded well and truly. Today we have with us a few—all too few—of those stalwart, patriotic old timers. Many of them, alas, have passed on; and of those who are still with us, not a few have reached the allotted span of life mentioned by the Psalmist. Unable to take an active part in our Convocations and deliberations, they are with us in spirit. They fought their battles with courage and confidence; constancy and courage were exemplified in their lives, and we of today should strive to worthily follow in their footsteps.

To you who are attending a Grand Convocation for the first time, we extend a hearty welcome, coupled with hope that you will feel free to express your wishes on all matters coming before this meeting and that benefit will accrue, not only to yourselves personally, but also to the Chapters you represent. To you who have been attending these Grand Convocations for years past, we confidently look for counsel and assistance in our deliberations. We extend a particularly cordial welcome to you, hoping and feeling that the friendships made will last and endure to the end of time.

NECROLOGY

Before entering upon the business of Grand Chapter, it is fitting that we pause for a few moments and in silent prayer pay our tribute to the memory of those whose earthly labors have ended and who have entered into their Eternal Rest.

Whilst Death, the Great Leveller, has not broken any links amongst our Grand Officers, the chain of many of our subordinate Chapters has been severed, no less than thirty-two companions of seventeen Chapters having passed beyond the Veil. To these Chapters, and to the relatives of our departed companions, we extend sincere, fraternal sympathy.

We have also received notice of the passing of distinguished companions of Sister Jurisdictions whose names, as well as the names of companions of our own jurisdiction, will be suitably mentioned in the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead. To our Sister Grand Chapters and the bereaved relatives we offer heartfelt sympathy.

"And some have slipped away
To higher life,
Where joy shall have full sway,
Free from all strife.

Their names are living still
In word and deed,
And we in memory will
Extend our meed."

VISITATIONS

During the past year I visited every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, and in doing so travelled some seven thousand five hundred miles by train and motor car. To my great regret I was unable to accept the very cordial invitations extended to me to attend the Annual Convocations of Sister Grand Chapters, but I deemed it advisable to spend as much of my time as was possible amongst our own Chapters, in the hope that my visits would prove of benefit to them and inspire the companions to greater activity and interest. I found much pleasure in meeting and greeting old friends and in the making of new ones, and this has been ample reward for whatever sacrifices of my time and efforts may have been necessary.

Following is a summary of the visits I made:—

March 21, 1929.—Crescent Chapter, No. 24. Shortly after the close of Grand Chapter Convocation, and accompanied by R. Ex. Companions C. R. Wentzel, and C. A. MacPherson, I visited this Chapter at its regular convocation and had the pleasure of delivering a short address on matters of interest to the Royal Craft. No degrees were conferred, but the business of the Chapter was conducted in an efficient manner by Ex. Companion S. E. Green. This was followed by a discussion on "Improved methods of securing better and increased attendance at the regular and emergent Convocations." Several suggestions were made by the members present which, if adopted, should result in a larger percentage attendance of the companions in the future.

March 22, 1929.—Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, Didsbury. I officially visited this Chapter at its regular Convocation, accompanied by several Grand Chapter Officers, and a number of companions of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9. My chief object in visiting the Chapter was to install R. Ex. Companion J. A. McGhee as Grand Third Principal of the Grand Chapter, and upon conclusion of this ceremony the M. E. M. degree was conferred on two candidates by Ex. Companion Clarke. Attendance good.

April 3, 1929.—Visited Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, and witnessed the conferring of the M. M. M. degree by Ex. Companion Pearson,

who performed the work in an efficient manner. During the evening V. Ex. Companion J. V. Follett gave an interesting talk on the M. M. M. degree, which was much appreciated.

April 10, 1929.—Calgary Chapter, No. 11, when the M. M. M. degree was efficiently conferred by Ex. Companion Matthews upon a candidate in waiting. On this occasion I had the pleasure of giving a short talk upon the degree and explaining the floor work as recently adopted by this Grand Jurisdiction.

April 18, 1929.—Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer, when a fraternal visit was paid by Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22. This was an emergent Convocation, and by request of Ex. Companion Best, First Principal of Keystone Chapter, the officers of Joseph Stauffer Chapter conferred the M. E. M. degree, the work being performed in a creditable manner. I gave an address on the subject of "Conducting the affairs of the Chapter both in regard to the general business and the conferring of degrees," and particularly explained and demonstrated the floor work of the M. E. M. degree.

April 24, 1929.—Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano. The M. M. M. degree was conferred upon three candidates by Ex. Companion Beeber in an efficient manner. Attendance was very good. This is one of our most active and harmonious country Chapters, and demonstrates what can be accomplished when each companion works for the good of his Chapter. The name "Harmony" is most appropriate.

May 2, 1929.—Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9. Had the pleasure of witnessing the conferring of the M. E. M. degree upon four candidates by Ex. Companion Cottom. This being my official visit, I gave an address upon the symbolism of the degree and also referred to the responsibilities of the companions to aid the officers by their presence and doing everything possible to make the meetings more interesting. Attendance good.

May 22, 1929.—This date was set for a fraternal visit to Calgary Chapter, No. 11, by Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, and a goodly number of companions turned out. I was present and witnessed the conferring of the M. E. M. degree by Ex. Companion Donald and the officers of Calgary Chapter in a manner calculated to leave a good impression on the minds of the candidates. Attendance good.

May 27, 1929.—Alberta Chapter, No. 1. This was an emergent Convocation for conferring the M. M. M. degree upon three candidates, the ceremony being conducted most satisfactorily by Ex. Companion Scaife. I gave a short talk on this degree.

May 28, 1929.—Golden West Chapter, No. 5, High River. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Companions Way and Comba, Grand Superintendents of Districts Nos. 3 and 4, R. Ex. Companions Carr, and MacPherson, G.L., V. Ex. Companion Rounce, G.S.S., Ex. Companions Valentine, Moncrieff, Spence and Scaife, together with a large number of Calgary companions. At the request of the companions of Golden West Chapter, Ex. Companion Scaife, assisted by members of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, conferred the M. M. M. degree in a creditable manner upon the candidate in waiting.

June 10, 1929.—Alberta Chapter, No. 1. As this was the regular Convocation date, the routine business was promptly carried out, after which the M. E. M. degree was conferred most impressively by Ex. Companion Spankie upon two candidates.

September 5, 1929.—Norwood Chapter, No. 18, Edmonton. Accompanied by R. Ex. Companion Norton, Grand Superintendent

of District No. 1, V. Ex. Companion Fallow and V. E. Companion Richardson, Grand Pursuivant, I attended the regular Convocation of this Chapter, the business being capably handled by Ex. Companion Russell, First Principal. No degrees were conferred. Attendance was fair. I addressed the companions on matters pertaining to the Royal Craft and explained the new "Work," with a demonstration of the various movements necessary to be made in conferring degrees.

September 6, 1929.—Strathcona Chapter, No. 25. Amongst those present were R. Ex. Companion Sandiland, V. Ex. Companion Richardson, Grand Pursuivant, and V. Ex. Companion Robinson, Grand Steward. No degrees were conferred, but I know that the officers are proficient and capable of doing very good work. My address and explanations were along similar lines as at Norwood Chapter on the previous evening.

September 10, 1929.—North Star Chapter, No. 2. This was a regular Convocation; no degree work. The business of the Chapter was well conducted by Ex. Companion Hope. This being the first meeting after the summer vacation, the attendance was only fair. I again took the opportunity of explaining and demonstrating the floor work of the several degrees.

September 11, 1929.—Calgary Chapter, No. 11, held its regular Convocation on this date, when the M. E. M. degree was conferred upon the candidates in an impressive manner by R. Ex. Companion Black, Grand Treasurer.

September 19, 1929.—Banff Chapter, No. 20, Regular Convocation. No degrees were conferred, but after the business of the Chapter had been dealt with in a competent manner by Ex. Companion Ford, First Principal, I gave a talk upon the manner of conferring degrees, pointing out the several changes and additions as adopted.

My presence in Banff at this time was to represent the Grand Chapter at the funeral rites of our late lamented Companion Dr. R. G. Brett, whose death had occurred a few days previously.

He was an old timer in the West and a pioneer in Masonry, and whilst he did not attain to any office in the Grand Chapter, he took a keen interest in it. He was well known and beloved, and the highest honor, that of Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, was conferred upon him, a position he held for several years and filled with dignity.

September 24, 1929.—Mount Horeb, No. 6. The Grand Superintendent of District No. 1, R. Ex. Companion Norton, made his official visit on this date, and I had the pleasure of being present with R. Ex. Companion Morrison and other Grand Chapter Officers. The M. E. M. degree was conferred by Ex. Companion Winn, Past Principal, assisted by Ex. Companion Taylor, First Principal, upon a candidate in waiting. After completion of the ceremony, R. Ex. Companion Morrison gave an interesting talk on the degree, which was appreciated by those present, and I supplemented his remarks by explaining and demonstrating the floor work. At the banquet following, R. Ex. Companion Norton gave a short address pertaining to the Royal Craft in District No. 1. A pleasing feature of this meeting was the attendance of fifteen members of Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, which considerably contributed to the success of this Convocation.

September 25, 1929.—Capital City Chapter, No. 13. After opening of the Chapter had been completed, I entered the Chapter hall and was introduced by M. Ex. Companion McNab. The M. E. M.

degree was conferred by Ex. Companion Fraser, in an impressive manner. I addressed the companions on the work and symbolism of the degree, being followed by M. Ex. Companion McNab, P.G.Z., who also gave some interesting remarks on the same subject. Other Grand Chapter Officers were present, viz.:—R. Ex. Companion Lambertson, V. Ex. Companions Summerill, G. J. Soj., Richardson, G. Pursuivant, and Robinson, G. Steward. Attendance was fair. This Chapter is fortunate in having as S.E., R. Ex. Companion McIntosh, who takes a keen interest in the Chapter.

October 3, 1929.—Crescent Chapter, No. 24, held a "Hallowe'en" party, when the wives and families of the companions were entertained with games, competitions of various kinds, moving pictures, etc., and everyone present had a delightfully enjoyable time.

October 7, 1929.—Crescent Chapter, No. 24. This was the occasion of a fraternal visit of the officers and members of Alberta Chapter, No. 1, and Calgary Chapter, No. 11. Attendance good. No degree work. Evening spent socially in banquet room.

October 8, 1929.—Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10. In company with R. Ex. Companion Comba, Grand Superintendent of District No. 4, and R. Ex. Companions Carr and Craig, I visited this Chapter. No degree was conferred owing to the inability of the candidates to get into Gleichen. A discussion took place on matters affecting the Royal Craft in general and of this Chapter. The business of the Chapter is conducted in an able manner by R. Ex. Companion Yates and the finances are in good shape. Owing to many of the members residing a considerable distance from the place of meeting and the restricted area tributary to this Chapter, it is difficult to have a large attendance at all Convocations, which accounts for the comparatively small percentage of companions attending.

October 11, 1929.—The officers and companions of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, held a dance and social evening in the Masonic Temple which was well attended by companions of that Chapter and of sister Chapters in the city and their ladies. Card tables were provided for those who did not care to dance, excellent refreshments were served during the evening and all expressed their appreciation of the pleasant and enjoyable entertainment provided for them.

October 15, 1929.—At the request of R. Ex. Companion Best, I made a special visit to Red Deer to discuss difficulties that had arisen owing to poor attendance and lack of interest in the affairs of the Chapter by the companions. I called personally upon several Past Principals and companions residing in Red Deer and, after discussing matters very fully with them, offered several suggestions which, if adopted, would I feel sure result in increased interest. This result could be achieved by a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together. The Chapter is located in a good city surrounded by a good district, has several influential members residing in the city, and with proper interest in its affairs by the companions, should become one of the most active Chapters in the Jurisdiction.

October 16, 1929.—Mount Olivet, No. 17, Killam. An emergent Convocation was called for 3:00 p.m. when a lodge of M. M. M. was opened by Ex. Companion Roddick as W. M., and he conferred the degree upon two candidates. The lodge was closed in due form and at 5:30 p.m. the companions adjourned to the banquet room for dinner, which was graced by the presence of the ladies, and the function was enjoyed by all. At 8:00 p.m. the H. R. A. Chapter was opened by R. Ex. Companion Haynes, P. G. Superintendent, in the unavoidable absence of the Ex. First Principal, who was in the Peace River district

on personal business. Upon completion of the routine business, the Chapter was called off and a Lodge of M. E. M. was opened with Ex. Companion Grandage as W. M., who conferred the degree upon two candidates. I took the opportunity of explaining the revised work. The lodge having been closed, the Chapter was called on to hear a short address by myself and also by Companion Lucas, M.L.A. This Chapter has not been very active during the past few years, but interest has apparently been reawakened and it is confidently expected that improved conditions will result. Great credit is due to R. Ex. Companion Nichol for his work on behalf of the companions and of the Chapter.

October 17, 1929.—Banff Chapter, No. 20. Accompanied by twenty-one companions of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, and several present and past Grand Chapter Officers, viz:—R. Ex. Companions Way and Comba, Grand Superintendents of Districts Nos. 3 and 4; R. Ex. Companions Hiscocks, Bell, Craig and Casteel, and V. Ex. Companion Follett. The H. R. A. degree was conferred in a very able manner by Ex. Companion Ford and the officers of Banff Chapter. The Mystical Lecture was delivered by V. Ex. Companion Saddington. Short addresses were given by several of the Grand Officers and I also gave an address on the H. R. A. degree.

November 1, 1929.—Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, Drumheller. The H. R. A. degree was impressively conferred upon two candidates by Ex. Companion Anderson, who was ably assisted by R. Ex. Companions Cameron and Fitzsimmons. I briefly addressed the companions upon the work of the degree and other matters relating to the Royal Craft. Attendance was good. The members manifest keen interest in the Chapter, and it is to be congratulated upon having so very helpful a member as R. Ex. Companion Cameron.

November 4, 1929.—The officers and members of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, made a fraternal visit to Crescent Chapter, No. 24, and accompanied by several Grand Chapter Officers I was present on that occasion. Interesting addresses were given by several of the visiting officers and companions and by some of the Grand Chapter officers.

November 6, 1929.—Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod. It was intended to confer the M. E. M. degree, but unfortunately the candidate was unable to be present. R. Ex. Companion Cull, Grand Superintendent District No. 5, was present, accompanied by a number of companions of Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, Lethbridge. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presence of M. Ex. Companion Middleton, Past Grand Principal, and the present Grand Master of Masons of Alberta, who had driven almost fifty miles, in inclement weather, over snow-covered roads to attend. I had the pleasure of addressing the companions on several matters of interest, and R. Ex. Companion Cull also delivered a short talk with special reference to general features relative to District No. 5. By request of the companions, I demonstrated and explained the floor work of the several degrees. Attendance was good and this Chapter appears to be going along nicely, with promising material in the junior officers.

November 7, 1929.—Crescent Chapter, No. 24, paid a return visit to Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9. The M. E. M. degree was conferred by Ex. Companion Pearson and a most fraternal and harmonious spirit was evident between the companions of both Chapters.

November 14, 1929.—Strathmore Chapter, No. 21. Accompanied by thirty companions of Calgary Chapters, including R. Ex. Companion Comba, Grand Superintendent District No. 4, and several

present and past Grand Chapter Officers, I visited this Chapter. Attendance was good and the M. M. M. degree was conferred by Ex. Companion Groves, assisted by V. Ex. Companion Taylor and Ex. Companion Pinkerton. Owing to its membership being somewhat scattered and as several Past Principals reside at a distance from the town of Strathmore, difficulty is often experienced in getting a good attendance at some of their Convocations, but the Chapter is fortunate in having several of the "Old Guard" still in the near vicinity. These endeavor to keep up interest in the Chapter, with the result that prospects seem brighter for the future.

November 22, 1929.—Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, Didsbury. I visited this Chapter to install the officers for the ensuing year, and was accompanied by R. Ex. Companion Way, Grand Superintendent of District No. 3, R. Ex. Companions Wentzel and MacPherson, V. Ex. Companion Rounce and Ex. Companion Pearson. Attendance was very good, considering the severe weather at that time. Upon conclusion of the installation ceremonies, the M. M. M. degree was conferred upon two candidates by Ex. Companion Knight in an efficient manner, but there was room for improvement in the work of some of the junior officers. The Chapter having been closed, the companions repaired to the banquet hall, where a splendid supper was served, followed by short addresses by several of the companions.

November 26, 1929.—Hanna Chapter, No. 28, R. Ex. Companion Cameron, Grand Superintendent District No. 2, visited this Chapter and I had the pleasure of accompanying him. Attendance was good. The M. E. M. degree was exemplified in a satisfactory manner and I explained any points not thoroughly understood and gave instruction on other matters which came under consideration. The Grand Superintendent addressed the companions, giving very helpful advice and instruction on matters pertaining to the Royal Craft, with particular reference to District No. 2. This Chapter is located in a good town and district, and should progress until it becomes one of our most active Chapters.

November 27, 1929.—Hiram Chapter No. 19, Youngstown. Accompanied by R. Ex. Companion Cameron, V. Ex. Companion Odell and Ex. Companion Anderson, I visited this Chapter. Attendance was poor, owing to the very severe and unfavorable weather prevailing. No degrees were conferred. The evening was devoted to explanation of and instruction in the work of the degrees, followed by short talks on the subject by myself and the Grand Superintendent, and after close of the Chapter a round-table discussion took place at the banquet which followed. This Chapter has not been as active during the past few years as it might have been, but it is hoped to see an improvement as the result of my visit and the discussion mentioned.

December 5, 1929.—Visited Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, and witnessed the impressive conferring of the H. R. A. degree by Ex. Companion Valentine. The attendance was very good and a splendid spirit of harmony prevailed. My short talk on the H. R. A. degree was well received.

December 10, 1929.—Vermilion Chapter, No. 14. This was the date of the Installation of the Officers for the ensuing year, the ceremony being conducted by Ex. Companion Scott, assisted by V. Ex. Companion Fallow, Ex. Companion Long, R. Ex. Companion Morrison, and I had the pleasure of delivering the closing general address to the companions. This is the home Chapter of R. Ex. Companion Norton, Grand Superintendent District No. 1, and R. Ex. Companion Morrison, Grand Second Principal, both of whom were present. Attendance was

fairly good considering the unfavorable and severe weather conditions. This is an active Chapter and the Ex. Principal has planned an interesting program for the coming year. An address by myself on the H. R. A. degree was followed by short talks by the Grand Second Principal and the Grand Superintendent, all of which appeared to be appreciated by the companions.

December 13, 1929.—David Thompson Chapter, U.D., Jasper. This was an emergent Convocation called especially for the purpose of receiving the Grand Superintendent of District No. 1, R. Ex. Companion Norton, and myself. Upon arrival at Jasper we were met by the principal officers of the Chapter, who looked after our comfort during the day. We had the pleasure of dining with the companions at the C. N. R. Dining Hall prior to opening of the Chapter at 7:00 p.m. The H. R. A. degree was conferred satisfactorily upon two candidates by Ex. Companion Bolli. On the conclusion of the ceremony the Grand Superintendent addressed the companions on the degree work and in following up his remarks I confined my talk chiefly to instruction and explanation of the work and on matters of interest to a Chapter under dispensation.

December 19, 1929.—Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, Medicine Hat. This was the official visit of R. Ex. Companion Cull, Grand Superintendent District No. 5, and it gave me pleasure to accompany him on the occasion. This was a very strenuous evening's work, consisting of election of officers, and conferring the H. R. A. degree upon twelve candidates. The degree work was done efficiently by Ex. Companion Montgomery, First Principal, the mystical lecture being given by Ex. Companion Stone, and the final lecture by Ex. Companion Williams. The election of officers then took place, but I noticed that the procedure, as laid down in the Constitution, was not being followed, and called the attention of the Ex. First Principal to the manner in which the election should be carried out. I feel that there was no intention of departing from the constitutional procedure, but the companions seemed to be under the impression that the method they were following was in the interest of the Chapter. The fact that Past Principals filled the three principal chairs during the past year is an indication of the keen interest taken by Past Principals in the welfare of the Chapter. Short addresses upon Chapter work in general were made by the Grand Superintendent and myself, and were appreciated by those present.

January 6, 1930.—Crescent Chapter, No. 24. The installation of the officers for the year 1930 was held on this date, when I had the honor of being the Installing Officer, and was ably assisted by R. Ex. Companions R. C. Rankin and C. A. MacPherson, V. Ex. Companion George Rounce and Ex. Companion J. W. Verge. After conclusion of the ceremonies, a pleasing feature was the announcement that nearly all the dues for 1929 had been received, leaving only a small amount to carry over into the New Year.

I had the pleasure of presenting Ex. Companion S. E. Green with a Past Principal's jewel, on behalf of the members of the Chapter, and of complimenting him upon his efforts to make the regular and emergent Convocations interesting to the members.

On January 8, 1930, a joint installation of the officers of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, and Calgary Chapter No. 11, was held, and I had the honor of conducting the ceremony, being ably assisted by M. Ex. Companion Ironside and R. Ex. Companions Black, Comba, Garnes and Cleave. The attendance was exceptionally good, and a spirit of fellowship and harmony was evident. I also had the pleasure of

presenting a P.Z. jewel to Ex. Companion Valentine on behalf of the companions of Otuskwan Chapter, and of congratulating him on the successful work accomplished during his year of office. M. Ex. Companion Ironside, on behalf of Calgary Chapter, presented a Past Principal's jewel to Ex. Companion Donald, and in doing so spoke very highly of the progress made by the Chapter under Ex. Companion Donald's guidance. For some years it has been the custom for these two Chapters to hold a joint installation followed by a banquet, and on this occasion Ex. Companion A. Davison (who is also Mayor of the City of Calgary) filled the position of Toastmaster in his own inimitable manner. Several short speeches were made by a number of the companions and visitors and an excellent program of vocal and instrumental numbers was provided.

Joint meetings like this, and the interchanging of visits between Chapters should be encouraged. The splendid display of true fellowship between the officers and companions assembled in this meeting, and their apparent interest in each other's welfare, was very noticeable.

January 13, 1930.—Alberta Chapter, No. 1. Installation of officers for the ensuing year was conducted by R. Ex. Companion Minchin, Grand Principal Sojourner, in an efficient manner. In the ceremony he was assisted by Ex. Companions Portman, Hand, McCracken and Milne. Attendance was good and a large number of visitors were present. At the banquet following I responded to the toast of "The Grand Chapter of Alberta," and in doing so had an opportunity of referring to the condition of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

January 14, 1930.—Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, Claresholm. In company with V. Ex. Companion Rounce, I attended the regular convocation of this Chapter. No degrees conferred. I addressed the companions regarding their duties and obligations to the Chapter, endeavoring to stimulate them to go to work and display greater interest, and I believe my words of advice will have a good result. V. Ex. Companions Rounce and Mack also gave short talks on matters of local interest. Attendance poor, the weather being cold.

January 15, 1930.—Hillyue Chapter, No. 15, Hillcrest. Assisted by R. Ex. Companions Cruickshanks and McDonald and Past Principals of the Chapter, I had the pleasure of installing the officers for the ensuing year, and after the ceremony took the opportunity of offering some remarks on Capitular Masonry, and particularly impressed upon the newly installed officers the desirability of faithfully carrying out the duties of their respective offices. Only nineteen companions were present, the small attendance being due to inclement weather.

January 16, 1930.—Kether Chapter, No. 8, Pincher Creek. Attendance fair. Opening ceremonies well done. There was no degree work, but at the request of the Ex. First Principal, I installed the newly elected and appointed officers, being assisted by R. Ex. Companions Cumberland and McDougall and Ex. Companion Blakey. I feel that under the guidance of the new officers this Chapter will continue to progress, although during the past year its activities have been somewhat limited. The membership is not very large, but what it lacks in numbers is more than compensated for by the excellent spirit prevailing amongst the companions.

January 30, 1930.—Coronation Chapter, No. 23. This was an emergent convocation to receive R. Ex. Companion Cameron on his official visit, and myself. Attendance was good. No degree work.

The installation of officers was held, a dispensation having been granted for that purpose. At the request of the Ex. First Principal, I conducted the ceremony, assisted by R. Ex. Companions Cameron, Locke and Fowler and Ex. Companion Meneely. The companions were addressed by the Grand Superintendent whom I followed in a short address on Capitular Masonry. I also gave instruction regarding the correct method of carrying out the floor work of the degrees.

February 5, 1930.—Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano. It gave me much pleasure to accept an invitation to install the officers for the ensuing year. In this ceremony I was ably assisted by R. Ex. Companion Craig as H., V. Ex. Companion Donaldson as J., R. Ex. Companion Comba, Grand Superintendent of District No. 4 as D. of C., and Ex. Companion Ford. The attendance was very good and included several companions residing in the country who are to be congratulated upon travelling long distances to be present.

February 11, 1930.—North Star Chapter, No. 2, Edmonton. This was a regular Convocation and an official visit was made by R. Ex. Companion Norton and I had great pleasure in accompanying him. The M. E. M. degree was conferred upon two candidates in a proficient manner. A pleasing feature was the presence of three Past Grand Principals, namely, M. Ex. Companions Downey, Coote and McNab, as well as a number of Past and Present Grand Officers. Addresses were given by several of the distinguished companions, both in the Chapter Room and at the banquet which was held after the Chapter had been closed. Attendance was very good. Quite a number of companions of sister Chapters in the City of Edmonton were present and a splendid spirit of harmony was apparent.

February 12, 1930.—Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, Lethbridge. By invitation of the Ex. First Principal I attended this regular Convocation. Attendance was good and included M. Ex. Companion Norman Macleod, R. Ex. Companion Cull, and V. Ex. Companion Smith, Grand D. of C. The M. E. M. degree was efficiently conferred by Ex. Companion Lonsberry. I gave a short talk on Capitular Masonry and afterwards had the pleasure of presenting a Past Principal's jewel to Ex. Companion Junget, complimenting him on the excellent work performed by him during his year of office. Ex. Companion Livingstone handled the business of the evening very efficiently. At the banquet held after closing of the Chapter, I gave an address on "Antient Artificers," which was well received.

February 28, 1930.—Capital City, No. 13. Accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. Downey and R. Ex. Comp. McCurdy, Grand Registrar, I was present at this emergent Convocation, when the M. E. M. degree was conferred upon two candidates by Ex. Comp. Hill in a pleasing manner. The attendance was good despite counter attractions. I had an opportunity of addressing the companions and discussing a number of matters of interest. An excellent spirit of harmony was noticeable, and the good work of this Chapter is being continued by the present officers.

It will be noted that on my visits a considerable part of my addresses was devoted to an endeavor to arouse interest and enthusiasm, to point out the best methods of conducting the business, and to improve the work in conferring degrees, so that the companions will be more regular in their attendance, and by their presence encourage the officers to whom is entrusted the governance of the Chapters. Our rites and ceremonies are clothed in beauteous and dignified language, and the new work has come into general use and has been received with favor. I was cordially received by every Chapter I visited, and would

here take the opportunity of tendering my best thanks to all for the splendid hospitality extended in the banquet halls after closing of the Chapters. At some of these banquets interesting discussions took place, whilst others developed into what may be termed Round Table conferences, and many matters of interest to the Royal Craft were talked over in an informal manner and by this means fuller information was diffused amongst those present.

APPOINTMENTS.

I had pleasure in recommending the following appointments to fill vacancies that had occurred in the representations of Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Alberta, viz.:

Alabama—V. Ex. Comp. James McDougal, Didsbury.
 Colorado—V. Ex. Comp. George A. Rounce, Calgary.
 Georgia—V. Ex. Comp. James R. Donaldson, Bassano.
 Ireland—R. Ex. Comp. Charles H. Minchin, Calgary.
 Kentucky—R. Ex. Comp. William S. Cameron, Drumheller.
 Massachusetts—R. Ex. Comp. William B. Way, High River.
 Mississippi—V. Ex. Comp. Arthur Robinson, Edmonton.
 Montana—R. Ex. Comp. James Cleave, Calgary.
 Nebraska—M. Ex. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside, Calgary.
 Nevada—R. Ex. Comp. Percy Cull, Lethbridge.
 New Hampshire—V. Ex. Comp. Frederick J. Summerill, Edmonton.
 New Zealand—R. Ex. Comp. Raymond H. Norton, Vermilion.
 Oklahoma—V. Ex. Comp. Joseph V. Follett, Calgary.
 Rhode Island—R. Ex. Comp. Archibald B. McCurdy, Edmonton.
 Texas—V. Ex. Comp. John Odell, Hanna.
 Virginia—V. Ex. Comp. Thomas A. Montgomery, Medicine Hat.
 Wyoming—R. Ex. Comp. George H. Travis, Bassano.

A vacancy having occurred amongst the Grand Representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters, I was pleased to approve of the following recommendation:—

Oregon—Ex. Comp. E. L. Weider, Salem, Oregon.

DISPENSATIONS.

Bekah Chapter, No. 7.—To hold the regular Convocation on October 9, 1929, instead of on the 2nd idem, owing to the District Chapter of Instruction having been called for October 2, 1929.

Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22—To install officers out of time.
 Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6—To elect officers out of time.

Assiniboina Chapter, No. 3—To open a regular Convocation at 7.30 o'clock p. m. instead of at the hour fixed by bylaw.

Golden West Chapter, No. 5—To hold the regular Convocation on December 30, 1929, in lieu of December 26, the latter being the proper date according to the Chapter bylaws.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9—To install officers at joint installation with Calgary Chapter, No. 11, on January 8, 1930.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9—To install Companion J. J. Webster as Second Principal H., he not having served as Third Principal J.

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27—To install Ex. Companion A. H. Jones as First Principal Z., he not having served as Second Principal H.

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27—To install Companion T. Humphreys as Second Principal H., he not having served as Third Principal J.

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21—To install Companion E. Corbett as Second Principal H., he not having served for the full term as Third Principal J.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26—To install officers out of time.

Coronation Chapter, No. 23—To install officers out of time.

Bekah Chapter, No. 7—To install officers out of time owing to a quorum not being present at the Regular Convocation, which fell on New Year's Day.

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15—To elect and install officers out of time.

North Star Chapter, No. 2—To install Companion W. L. Sharp as Scribe N. out of time.

Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10—To elect and install officers out of time.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12—To elect and install officers out of time.

Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17—To install officers out of time.

Calgary Chapter, No. 11—To install Ex. Comp. T. W. Matthews as Second Principal H., he having been absent on the regular installation night on account of illness.

In connection with the following applications I refused to issue Dispensations, viz.:

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4—To receive the application of a Master Mason who had only been raised a few weeks previously.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6—To hold a Regular Convocation at Ponoka, instead of at Wetaskiwin, the latter being the place of meeting designated on the Warrant of the Chapter.

NEW CHAPTER INSTITUTED.

On July 7, 1929, the Grand Scribe E. notified me that he had received a petition, signed by fifteen companions, for a dispensation to form a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to be known as Edson Chapter, to be held in the town of Edson, and that the credentials accompanying the petition appeared to be in order. I duly considered this petition, investigated the opportunities and possibilities for success or failure, and satisfied myself by personal enquiry and correspondence that the petitioners were entitled to demonstrate to Grand Chapter whether or not they could carry on.

Early in September, following, I issued the dispensation, and on the 26th day of that month I had the pleasure of visiting Edson to institute the Chapter, being accompanied by two companions of North Star Chapter, No. 2, Edmonton. I was favorably impressed with the selected officers and the petitioning companions and believe the new Chapter will be successful and tend to strengthen the Royal Craft in that district.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

Hanna Chapter, No. 28, Hanna.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED

Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Calgary.

Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary.

DECISIONS

Several questions were submitted to me by different Chapters, but in practically all cases the answer could be found in the Constitution. I therefore referred each Chapter to the particular clause governing the matter and suggested that a closer study of the Constitution would prevent quite a number of these enquiries being made. As a result it was not necessary for me to make any decisions.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

In addition to my visits to the Chapters I was present at all the meetings of the various Districts, but unfortunately the meeting called by District No. 2 was not as well attended as those in other Districts owing to a severe snow storm occurring on the date fixed.

With this exception, the meetings were well attended and especial mention should be made of the splendid attendances at the meetings of District No. 5 at Lethbridge on October 2, 1929, as a representative from every Chapter was present; Districts Nos. 3 and 4 joint meeting at Calgary, on October 30, 1929, when all Chapters in both districts were fully represented; and District No. 1, at Edmonton, on November 8, 1929, when the attendance was good although unfortunately a few of the Chapters were not represented. The Grand Superintendents are to be congratulated upon the success of these District Meetings and no doubt the benefits obtained by the companions in getting better acquainted through exchange of ideas will cause greater interest and activity in the different Chapters represented.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

I feel that our best thanks are due to the Grand Superintendents for the whole-hearted manner in which they carried out the duties of their office and for the time they expended in visiting the Chapters. They are also to be congratulated upon the happy result of their efforts.

I heartily recommend that the rank of Past Grand Superintendent be conferred upon—

- R. E. Companion Raymond H. Norton, Vermilion.
- R. E. Companion William S. Cameron, Drumheller.
- R. E. Companion William B. Way, High River.
- R. E. Companion Charles Comba, Calgary.
- R. E. Companion Percy Cull, Lethbridge.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) Owing to the inclusion of new Chapters in District No. 1, thereby entailing a considerable mileage in visiting such Chapters, it seems to me that a rearrangement of Districts Nos. 1 and 2 has become necessary. I would recommend, therefore, that a committee be appointed to consider this question and report the result of their investigations to this Grand Chapter at its next Convocation.

(2) I would recommend that a committee be appointed to revise and re-draft the present code of Standard Bylaws for Subordinate Chapters, in order to bring the same into harmony with the Constiti-

tution. Such committee to report to the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Body.

(3) This Grand Chapter having completed its Sixteenth year, it has occurred to me that the present would be an opportune time for the compilation of a Digest of Decisions approved and Resolutions adopted by this Grand Body and I would recommend a serious consideration of the matter, and the appointment of some competent companion or companions to undertake this work.

(4) From time to time complaints have been received that four copies of the work furnished to each Subordinate Chapter were not sufficient for the convenience of the officers, and it has been suggested that two additional copies should be supplied to each Chapter. Also that the Excellent First Principal of the Chapter be made responsible for the safe custody of these copies of the work. I would recommend that this matter be carefully considered with the view of deciding upon the advisability or otherwise of furnishing such additional copies.

GENERAL

It is pleasing to me to report an increased interest in Capitular Masonry throughout this jurisdiction. At the beginning of my term of office I found that in some of the Chapters the general business was run through in a somewhat perfunctory style, and the degrees were not conferred in such a way as would impress the teachings of our Order upon the minds of the candidates. However, as the year passed by, a very marked improvement took place. The revised "Work" has to a large extent caused this improvement and the conferring of the degrees in a solemn and dignified manner, whilst the greater interest of the companions in routine work has resulted in placing it on a higher plane. This shows a greater co-operation between the officers and the companions, for without the assistance of the latter by their presence and sympathy it is difficult for the officers to impressively conduct the ceremonies. It may be pointed out that, especially during the past few months, the increased attendance at most Chapters has been gratifying and a pleasing feature has been the number of fraternal visits paid by one Chapter to another. This is particularly noticeable in the visits made by some Chapters located in the cities to Sister Chapters in the country districts, and in many instances the latter have journeyed to the larger centres to pay return visits.

In referring to the condition of the Royal Craft, I may say that, whilst the net increase in membership has not been large, there is reason to believe the new material is of good quality, and present indications are that a considerable number of worthy brethren may seek admission to the Royal Craft during the coming year.

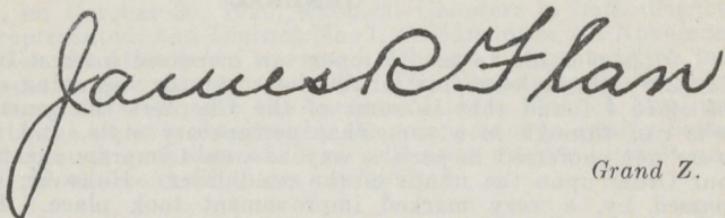
The number of suspensions for N.P.D. is altogether too many, and whilst I do not venture to suggest a remedy I would direct the serious attention of the Principals and Scribes E. to the heavy loss sustained through this cause. I am of the opinion that the officers of the Chapter, being in closer touch with delinquent members, should be in a position to devise some means to stop this leakage. It is, unfortunately, a matter common to our own and other similar institutions, but so far as I am aware no satisfactory remedy has yet been devised to prevent this regrettable loss.

CONCLUSION

Excellent Companions, I wish to again thank you most heartily for the honor of having been permitted to serve you in the highest office in this jurisdiction. I have gained many friends and it has been a delightful experience to me to know them as I do, and I desire to place on record my sincere appreciation of their unfailing courtesy and kindness. I wish also to extend my thanks to each and every companion and to the Past Grand Principals for their counsel and advice, and especially to the members of the Masonic Orchestra and V. Ex. Companion Rounce, whose musical talents contributed to the enjoyment of the companions in the banquet hall on many occasions. To R. Ex. Companion Rankine, who cheerfully placed his services at my disposal whenever I called upon him, my thanks are due.

And now, having completed my term of office and soon to surrender the sceptre to my successor, I am more deeply impressed than ever before with the great truth of the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God.

Fraternally submitted,

A large, flowing cursive signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Flan".

Grand Z.

On motion of M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, seconded by M. E. Companion George B. McLeod, it was

RESOLVED, That the address of the Most Excellent Grand First Principal be referred to the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address.

REPORT

of the

Grand Second Principal

Vermilion, Alberta, March 15th, 1930.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I regret that the report of my work as Grand Second Principal during the past year must be brief, since illness for most of the summer months prevented me engaging in any intensive work or travelling. Nevertheless, though it is short, I have much pleasure in submitting it for your consideration.

I would like here to express appreciation of the visitations of several of the companions during a brief residence in the University Hospital at Edmonton.

On April 9th, I had much pleasure in installing, by direction of the M. E. First Principal, R. E. Companion R. H. Norton as Grand Superintendent for District No. 1, the installation ceremony taking place in Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, in the presence of a large number of companions of that Chapter. The newly installed Superintendent was congratulated upon his appointment.

On June 19th, in company with the Grand Superintendent and a number of the companions of Vermilion Chapter, I visited Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, at Killam, being royally received and entertained by the companions of that Chapter. There was no degree work, but the evening was spent very profitably and pleasantly. I gave an address on the Most Excellent Master degree, which was well received. A banquet followed the close of the Chapter at which the Grand Superintendent and several of the companions spoke on matters appertaining to the welfare of Capitular Masonry. Mount Olivet Chapter possesses fine material, and while it has its trials and difficulties I feel quite certain that in due season these will all be overcome and the Chapter move along to a sphere of even greater usefulness.

On September 26th, I accompanied the Grand Superintendent on his official visit to Mount Horeb Chapter at Wetaskiwin, and a goodly number of the companions of Vermilion Chapter went with us. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred very capably indeed, and I was pleased with the way in which the work was carried out. Afterwards the Most Excellent Grand First Principal gave an interesting address, supplementing his remarks with instructive directions regarding the floor work as now practised in this degree. I also gave an address in which I sought to stress the place and value of the Most Excellent Master degree in our system of Royal Arch Masonry. The Grand Superintendent also gave a very timely address. A banquet followed. A most enjoyable evening. Mount Horeb Chapter has a

splendid roster of companions and is doing good work for Capitular Masonry.

I attended the District meeting at Capital City Chapter, at Edmonton, on November 8th, when the Most Excellent Grand First Principal and the Grand Superintendent were present. The meeting was highly successful and edifying to the companions present. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred by Norwood Chapter, No 18, in a very creditable and impressive manner. The officers knew their parts well and are to be complimented on their work. The Grand First Principal afterwards gave an informative talk on the floor work and several interesting points and directions were cleared up. A sumptuous banquet concluded the evening's proceedings. I again gave an address on the Most Excellent Master degree and the Grand First Principal and the Grand Superintendent also spoke to an appreciative audience. The officers of Capital City Chapter deserve a great deal of praise for the manner in which the appointments for the enjoyable evening were carried out and I would compliment R. E. Companion Lambertson on his indefatigable efforts to make the meeting the great success it was.

In company with the Grand First Principal and the Grand Superintendent, I attended the installation of officers in my own Chapter, Vermilion, No. 14, on December 10th. There was a large attendance of companions. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred. We had a most instructive address from the Grand First Principal who also dealt with the floor work. I again visited this Chapter with the Grand Superintendent on March 11th when two candidates were received into the Most Excellent Master degree. Needless to say the work on both occasions was carried on almost faultlessly. I gave an address on "Solomon and His Temple" to which the companions listened with great attention.

In concluding, it is a pleasure to mention that wherever I visited I was most cordially welcomed and that there appeared to be an increased interest taken in Capitular Masonry. I found the companions anxious and desirous to learn more about the inner meaning of this branch of Masonry. In this respect, may I suggest it would appear to be the duty of the officers of your respective Chapters to give their companions the lead in bringing home to them just what the Royal Arch stands for and where it is an essential factor in our system of Masonic work. It was with the purpose of emphasising this position of the Royal Arch and its constituent degrees that I addressed the different Chapters, and if my remarks in any way contributed towards creating greater interest in the Chapter degrees then I feel my efforts have been well repaid.

May I express my appreciation of the great assistance I received in my work from the Grand Superintendent as well as from the officers of the Chapters visited by me during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN W. G. MORRISON,
Grand Second Principal.

REPORT

of the

Grand Third Principal

Didsbury, Alberta, March 12th, 1930.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The report of my official acts as Grand Third Principal will be brief as most of the matters dealt with therein will be covered fully in the reports of the Most Excellent Grand First Principal and the Grand Superintendents.

It was with sincere regret that, owing to an auto accident, I found it impossible to attend the full session of Grand Chapter last year. On March 27th, M. E. Companion Flan installed me as Grand Third Principal in my "home" Chapter. This signal act of kindness was deeply appreciated by myself and the companions of my Chapter. On this auspicious occasion, M. E. Companion Flan was accompanied by R. E. Companions MacPherson, Black and Comba and many other distinguished companions from Calgary and Red Deer.

At the request of M. E. Companion Flan, I installed my old friend V. E. Companion McDougall as Grand Steward, on June 25th, at the regular meeting of Joseph Stauffer Chapter and, on November 22nd I had the pleasure of assisting M. E. Companion Flan, R.E. Companions MacPherson and Wentzel and V. E. Companion Rounce to install the officers of Joseph Stauffer Chapter. At this meeting, Grand Superintendent Way paid his official visit and was accorded a warm welcome.

On the invitation of several companions resident in Red Deer, I paid an informal visit and endeavored to arouse more interest. Keystone Chapter, a few years ago, was one of the banner Chapters in the Province, but, of late, the companions have found it extremely difficult to "carry on." I am now advised that prospects appear brighter.

On June 17th, during the session of Grand Lodge in Lethbridge, I attended an informal gathering of Royal Arch Masons, at which meeting conditions of vital importance to Capitular Masonry were discussed.

With companions from Joseph Stauffer Chapter, I attended a joint meeting of Districts 3 and 4, and Chapter of Instruction, held in Calgary on October 30th, under the direction of Grand Superintendents Way and Comba. The degrees were very ably exemplified. Many difficulties were discussed and various phases of the work explained by M. E. Companion Flan. Later, a splendid banquet was much enjoyed by all present. This was one of the best Chapter meetings I have ever been privileged to attend. I have also attended a number

of Chapter convocations in Districts 3 and 4 and, on each occasion, have heard many pleasing comments on the present ritual and words of praise for M. E. Companion Flan. To this Most Worthy Companion may largely be attributed the uniformity and the interest being taken in the conferring of degrees.

It is my regret that I have been unable to more fully carry out my plans for visitations during the past year. During the first part of the year, much of my time was occupied in fulfilling my duties as District Deputy Grand Master and, during the fall and winter months, business affairs and illness hampered my activities.

In conclusion, I wish to take this opportunity of expressing to M. E. Companion Flan my sincere appreciation of his many kind invitations to accompany him on his official visits. I am also deeply grateful to the officers and members of the various Chapters visited for their kindly reception.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. McGHEE,

Grand Third Principal.

On motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion Percy Fielding, it was

RESOLVED, That the Reports of the Grand Second and Grand Third Principals be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address.

Grand Superintendents' Reports

DISTRICT No. 1

Vermilion, Alberta, March 17th, 1930.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your approval my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 1.

Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, Killam.—On June 19th, 1929, I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter, accompanied by R. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, together with a large number of companions from Vermilion, No. 14. We motored across country during the afternoon and were well received by R. E. Companions Nichol and Haynes, as well as all the other companions of Mount Olivet Chapter who were present. There was no degree work, but we spent a very enjoyable and instructive evening. R. E. Companion Morrison gave a very instructive address, which was well received. Mount Olivet Chapter is handicapped to a considerable extent by reason of so many of its members living out of town and their meetings during the past year have not been well attended, but they had a fairly good attendance on the evening of my visit and they are looking forward to a more successful year to come.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, Wetaskiwin.—On September 26th, 1929, I had the privilege of attending the regular convocation of this Chapter and, as in the case of my visit to Killam, a large number of companions from Vermilion Chapter motored across country with me, as well as the R. E. Companion Morrison and all of the principal officers of Vermilion Chapter. We were cordially received and a large attendance was on hand. The Most Excellent Master degree was exemplified in a very able manner and we were fortunate in having M. E. Companion Flan with us. Although he arrived a little late owing to motor trouble, he gave a very inspiring and instructive address on the Most Excellent Master degree and exemplified the floor work for the guidance of the companions. R. E. Companion Morrison gave a lecture on the Most Excellent Master degree, which was both interesting and instructive. This Chapter, while not any too well attended for some time past, should improve, as it has plenty of material to draw from. I am hopeful that a marked improvement will be shown during the year to follow.

Edson Chapter, U.D.—On September 28th, 1929, this Chapter was instituted by M. E. Companion Flan but I regret that, owing to a business appointment, I was unable to be with him.

District Meeting at Capital City Chapter, No. 13.—This meeting was held on November 8th and was attended by a large number of companions from the four Edmonton Chapters as well as from Vermilion and elsewhere. There were present R. M. E. Companions Flan, McNabb, Downey and Coote, R. E. Companion Morrison

and many other past Grand Chapter officers. The degree of Most Excellent Master was exemplified by the officers of Norwood Chapter, No. 18, in a very able manner, after which M. E. Companion Flan demonstrated the floor work and gave further instruction of benefit on the degree. Many questions were asked and the meeting was both interesting and instructive to all present. After the meeting a banquet was served at which R. E. Companion Morrison read a paper on the Most Excellent Master Degree and the M. E. Companions all gave short addresses, which were entertaining and beneficial.

Norwood Chapter, No. 18.—On November 7th, 1929, I was able to visit this Chapter. This was their regular convocation, and they exemplified the Most Excellent Master degree, which was a rehearsal for the District Meeting on the following evening. The officers are enthusiastic and are well up in the degree work. I have no doubt this Chapter will have a successful year.

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, Vermilion.—On December 10th, I made an official visit to this Chapter, which was on the occasion of the visit of M. E. Companion Flan and R. E. Companion Morrison. The officers were installed at this meeting by E. Companion Scott, assisted by V. E. Companion Fallow. Both M. E. Companion Flan and R. E. Companion Morrison spoke on Capitular Masonry. The meeting was well attended and I have not the slightest doubt that the new officers will continue the high standard maintained in this Chapter for the past several years.

David Thompson Chapter, U.D., Jasper.—On December 13th, accompanied by M. E. Companion Flan, I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter. We were royally entertained by the companions and observed the Chapter at work in the Royal Arch degree, which was well done considering the fact that the Chapter was new and the officers had not had the opportunity of instruction from any Grand Chapter officers. M. E. Companion Flan gave them much instruction and help and all the companions were anxious and willing to have their work uniform and as near perfect as possible. Many questions were asked and I am sure our visit will be reflected in increased interest for the coming year.

North Star Chapter, No. 2, Edmonton.—On February 11th, 1930, I visited this Chapter and was again fortunate in having M. E. Companion Flan with me. The Chapter was at work in the Most Excellent Master degree, which was exemplified in a most perfect manner. I must compliment their Scribe E., Companion Reilly, who has kept the most perfect records that I have seen. The Grand Chapter officers were well received at this meeting, the attendance was large and the work completed practically perfect.

In conclusion I wish to thank the companions of District No. 1 who honored me by electing me their District Superintendent and I also wish to extend my most sincere thanks to M. E. Companion Flan and R. E. Companion Morrison for their able assistance during my term of office and to express my appreciation to all the companions of District No. 1 for hospitality and co-operation during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

RAYMOND H. NORTON,
Grand Superintendent District No. 1:

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 1929

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergency Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Debts	M.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months	in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From		
North Star.....	2	Edmonton.....	10	0	42	\$4.00	194	0	1	2	3	2	5	5	7	193	30	\$162.75	\$1,125.00	\$700.00	\$200.00	\$600.00	Nil	fair	14
Mount Horeb....	6	Wetaskiwin.....	10	0	13	\$3.00	69	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	70	7	Nil	663.14	500.00	104.00	480.00	Nil	good	3
Capital City.....	13	Edmonton.....	10	5	30	\$5.00	222	0	0	16	0	2	6	6	5	210	35	Nil	1,772.70	600.00	200.00	700.00	10.00	fair	26
Vermilion.....	14	Vermilion.....	12	0	14	\$5.00	80	0	0	9	0	3	6	6	6	74	34	Nil	500.00	445.00	300.00	Nil	good	3	
Mount Olivet.....	17	Killam.....	12	1	25	\$5.00	81	1	0	0	11	0	3	2	2	74	40	Nil	296.86	200.00	300.00	500.00	18.50	good	9
Norwood.....	18	Edmonton.....	10	3	17	\$5.00	92	0	0	5	0	3	2	1	1	86	19	Nil	6.00	338.50	600.00	Nil	fair	13	
Strathcona.....	25	Edmonton.....	10	9	23	\$5.00	64	0	1	2	1	0	6	6	6	68	18	Nil	141.91	1000.00	160.00	1000.00	2.00	good	C
David Thompson.U.D.Jasper			12	1	13	\$6.00	22	0	0	0	1	11	11	9	32	0	Nil	221.42	800.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	good	1	
Edson.....	UD Edson.....		5	2	15	\$5.00	14	0	0	0	1	19	7	7	22	0	105.65	282.81	125.00	Nil	Nil	good	1		

(C) —Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT No. 2

Drumheller, February 28th, 1930.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

In submitting my report for the past year, I regret that I cannot record a large numerical increase, but this I believe is more than compensated for by the increased interest and enthusiasm apparent in all our Chapters. Although not particularly conversant with past conditions in some of the Chapters, it was not difficult to perceive that they were suffering from lack of interest in their own Chapter more than from lack of interest in Royal Arch Masonry. From my investigations and private conversations with companions I found this condition was due in some cases to local conditions and misunderstandings among the companions, and a hesitancy in expressing their opinions at the proper time and place, so that what was at first merely a difference of opinion became a grievance which increased the longer it was nursed. This is now a thing of the past and we may confidently look forward to more united effort and a clearer conception of masonic principles and ideals. I believe that this is in some measure due to the counsel and advice and closer and more frequent contact with our Grand First Principal than some of our Chapters have enjoyed in the past; and I hope this will be continued in the future. Situated as some of our country Chapters are at great distances from each other, difficulties of transportation preventing them from visiting each other, the visit of a Grand Chapter officer becomes an event, the importance of which may not be apparent to Chapters more favorably situated.

The attendance at our convocations, although not what it should be, was up to the average, and it is a strange fact that the most regular attendance is that of companions who live at a distance of from five to twenty miles from the centre where the Chapter meets, and not of those in its immediate vicinity. This may be accounted for by the companion at a distance having fewer counter attractions and so he gives his Chapter its proper place in his thoughts and affections. Whatever the cause may be, it gives us food for reflection. I am strongly of the opinion that greater care should be exercised in the granting of charters and more attention be given to the future prospects of a Chapter than to its actual condition at the time of its formation.

I had the privilege of accompanying M. E. Companion Flan to all the Chapters in this District, and his visits may be regarded as milestones on the road to success.

Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown.—I visited this Chapter on date of regular Convocation September 23rd 1929. There was not a sufficient number of companions present to open the Chapter. The reason assigned by those present was that members were busy completing their harvest work. I had a consultation with several of the companions and I believe my visit was not without good results.

On November 27th, the District Convocation was to be held at Youngstown, but, again, unfortunately, the attendance prevented the District Meeting being held. It was 9 p.m. before the Chapter was opened, V. E. Companion Odell, Hanna delegate, acting as Tyler and E. Companion Anderson, Eheyeh Chapter, acting as Scribe N. M. E. Companion Flan was present and was received with Grand

honors. He gave an address on the difficulties of our Chapters and how to overcome them. The Chapter closed at 10 p.m., after which the Grand First Principal gave a demonstration of the floor Work in the several degrees.

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27.—On November 15th I paid my official visit to my own Chapter. We had a most instructive and enjoyable meeting. Eheyeh Chapter has now entirely recovered from its lassitude and settled down to work in earnest.

On January 3rd, 1930, I paid a second official visit to Eheyeh Chapter and installed the officers for the year. They are proficient in their work and enthusiastic, and intend to keep up the high standard the Chapter has always maintained. The prospects for the coming year are becoming brighter, and there is little doubt that the Chapter will make its influence felt in the community.

Hanna Chapter, No. 28.—On November 26th I accompanied M. E. Companion Flan to Hanna Chapter where we received a very cordial reception. All officers were present and there was a good attendance of members. The Grand First Principal gave a very pointed address on our duties and responsibilities as Royal Arch Masons. During the year Hanna and Eheyeh Chapters have exchanged several visits and the fraternal spirit existing between the two Chapters is having its influence on the Craft in the District. Prospects are good and the companions are desirous that their work in the Chapter and their practice of its principles outside the Chapter shall be in accordance with their obligations.

Coronation Chapter, No. 23.—On January 30th I paid my first official visit to Coronation Chapter with M. E. Companion Flan. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a good attendance of officers and companions, many of whom came long distances through the storm rather than miss the meeting of the Chapter. The Grand First Principal gave a very interesting and instructive address which was much appreciated by all present. There seems to be a revival in this Chapter and, if this spirit is maintained, Coronation Chapter will attain to a high position among the Chapters of this Province. M. E. Companion Flan installed the new officers who gave evidence of their ability and their determination to uphold the reputation of the Royal Craft.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks for and appreciation of the many courtesies extended to me during my term of office and hope that the many friendships formed will last until we pass the Veil.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM S. CAMERON,
Grand Superintendent District No. 2.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR THE YEAR 1929

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergency Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restitutions	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets	Cash or Securities	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From			
Hiram	19	Youngstown	5	1	10	\$4.00	61	0	0	5	0	0	2	1	0	58	19	Nil	\$2,450.00	\$400.00	\$344.00	\$300.00	Nil	fair	3
Coronation	23	Coronation	9	1	19	\$6.00	67	0	0	1	7	2	8	9	9	65	26	Nil	1,043.83	450.00	244.00	450.00	Nil	fair	4
Eheyeh	27	Drumheller	10	5	24	\$5.00	69	2	0	3	3	0	4	4	6	69	10	\$233.75	46.79	496.44	50.00	700.00	Nil	fair	5
Hanna	28	Hanna	9	3	20	\$10.00	40	0	0	0	0	0	16	16	15	56	28	200.00	150.00	700.00	280.00	500.00	Nil	good	3

DISTRICT No. 3

High River, Alberta, March 8th, 1930.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It gives me pleasure to submit for your approval my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 3.

I visited officially all the Chapters in the District with the exception of Red Deer. I was very sorry not to be able to visit Keystone Chapter, but the time I had planned for this found me on the sick list—from December 15th to February 15th. For this same reason, I was unable to be present at any of the installations excepting Joseph Stauffer Chapter at Didsbury, who held their installation on November 29th, to which I shall refer later.

Capitular Masonry in District No. 3 is not progressing as much as I would have liked to report, but this is only one of many things that are just marking time, owing, no doubt, to general conditions throughout the country. In each Chapter that I visited it was most gratifying to see so many of the Past Principals attending and to note the enthusiasm they still have for the work and their willingness to assist at all times. The Scribe E's of the various Chapters carry out their duties in a most exemplary and efficient manner and are to be complimented on this service to the Royal Craft. The finances of the Chapters visited appear to be in good shape considering that there have not been many exaltations and that they have had to rely on their dues, much of which, though, is in arrears.

My own Chapter, Golden West, No. 5, of High River, was the first Chapter visited officially, but I have attended every regular convocation. On May 28th, M. E. Companion Flan, in company with a goodly number of Calgary companions, visited this Chapter and it was a real pleasure to make this my first visit. The Calgary companions assisted in exemplifying the Mark Master Mason degree from the new Work, which was very much appreciated by our own companions. M. E. Companion Flan also invested V. E. Companion Rounce with his regalia. At the close of the meeting, we adjourned to the banquet room, where a very enjoyable hour was spent. The records of this Chapter are in splendid condition and their Book of Marks is the best I have ever seen.

On June 20th I visited Crescent Chapter, No. 24, and had the pleasure of the company of several companions from Golden West including R. E. Companion Harry Gould. We certainly received a royal welcome and brought away pleasant memories of an enjoyable experience. After the business of the Chapter, a lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and this degree conferred in a most able manner by E. Companion Green and his officers. It left no room for criticism. V. E. Companion Follett gave an address on this degree which was very much appreciated. We then adjourned to the banquet room where we enjoyed ourselves for the rest of the evening.

My next visit was after the summer vacation, on October 17th, when in company with R. E. Companion Casteel and other companions from my own Chapter, we visited Banff Chapter, No. 20. We had a very

pleasant surprise, as we found that M. E. Companion Flan was also paying an official visit and that a fraternal visit was being made by the officers and companions of Otuskwan Chapter of Calgary. The Holy Royal Arch degree was being conferred by the officers of Banff Chapter and this was carried out in a most creditable manner, being almost word perfect. E. Companion Ford has much credit coming to him for his efficiency. As Scribe E., V. E. Companion Saddington carries on his duties splendidly. Considering that this Chapter has only the one lodge to draw from, I think it is doing wonderful work. Before the Calgary companions left for their homes, we were well entertained and our mountain companions are to be congratulated on their hospitality.

October the 23rd was Past Principals' night at Calgary Chapter, No. 11. On this visit I was again favored with the company of several of my High River companions, and at this point I want to thank them for the many courtesies shown during my term of office. Following the closing of the Chapter, a lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and this degree was ably conferred by the Past Principals, particularly so considering they were putting on a new work. These Principals always take pleasure in assisting in anything for the good of the order. Refreshments closed a most enjoyable evening.

On October 30th, in conjunction with R. E. Companion Comba, Superintendent of District No. 4, we held our District Meeting in the New Masonic Temple, Calgary. Without fear of contradiction, this was the most successful District Meeting held in these districts and I feel like quoting the words of a famous song: "Something attempted, something done." There was a splendid attendance, more than we expected, and every Chapter in my District was represented, and in goodly numbers, too. Members came from Banff, Red Deer and Nanton and the intervening points and a large number living in the city attended both communications. The meeting opened at 5 o'clock p.m. and Crescent Chapter exemplified the Mark Master Mason degree. M. E. Companion Flan was present. It was decided that any questions regarding the work would be answered at the evening session. At 6:30 p.m. we sat down to a banquet provided by the Calgary companions, who were hosts to the visiting members. Companion Rev. Dr. Kerby gave us a most eloquent address, which was enjoyed by every one. Work was resumed at 8 o'clock when a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened by Alberta Chapter, No. 1, and at which M. E. Companion Flan and other Grand Chapter officers were received with the customary honors. One of the most pleasing things of all was that we had the company of M. E. Companion J. N. Rankin, our senior Grand First Principal. The Chapter was called off and a lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened and this work also was done in a manner worthy of its name. A light lunch was served at the close. Meetings such as those held on this day make one feel proud that he is a Royal Arch Mason.

On November 22nd, in company with M. E. Companion Flan and other Grand Chapter officers, we journeyed to Didsbury on an official visit to Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, at an emergent convocation, this being the night for the installation of officers for the ensuing year. After the ceremony, which was conducted by M. E. Companion Flan, the Chapter was closed and a lodge of Mark Master Masons opened by the newly installed officers and the degree was conferred in a very commendable manner. E. Companion McDougall was again elected as Scribe E and it was pleasing to note the splendid manner in which his records are kept. This Chapter is in a flourishing condition and is making a good start for 1930. Although the hour

was late when business was over we were entertained to a turkey supper provided as only the ladies of Didsbury know how.

The next and last official meeting for the year was on March 12th, when, accompanied by some High River companions, we visited Calgary Chapter, No. 11. This also was an official night for the Grand First Principal. After the Royal Arch Chapter was closed, a lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened and the degree conferred on three candidates most creditably. These officers are following the new work very carefully and with uniformity. An enjoyable programme and refreshments brought the evening to a close.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all the companions of District No. 3 for the honor conferred by electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and again express regret that I was unable to visit all the Chapters the second time.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM B. WAY,
Grand Superintendent District No. 3

STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR 1929.

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergency Meetings	Average Attendance	No. of Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months	in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets	Property, Regalia, etc.	Cash or Securities	Assets Outstanding	Amount granted to Benevolence	No. of Lodgees to Draw From	
Golden West	5	High River	9	16	\$5.00	112	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	112	53	\$188.42	\$ 794.71	\$375.20	\$343.50	\$300.00	Nil	good	4	
Calgary	11	Calgary	10	4	28	\$5.00	108	2	0	4	4	1	6	2	2	107	12	12.00	1,192.13	400.00	74.80	600.00	Nil	fair	C
Keystone	12	Red Deer	8	0	13	\$4.00	132	0	0	2	5	1	3	3	3	127	36	118.00	1,642.11	261.92	188.00	750.00	Nil	fair	8
Banff	20	Banff	9	2	21	\$5.00	70	0	0	1	2	2	3	69	6	Nil	1,467.66	500.00	40.00	250.00	Nil	good	1		
Joseph Stauffer	22	Didsbury	10	1	19	\$5.00	61	1	1	4	1	1	8	6	6	65	17	Nil	634.32	500.00	240.00	500.00	Nil	good	7
Crescent	24	Calgary	10	1	31	\$4.00	104	1	0	2	1	1	2	1	1	103	13	Nil	1100.00	72.00	1000.00	Nil	fair	C	

‘C’—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT No. 4

Calgary, Alberta, March 13th, 1930.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have pleasure in submitting herewith for your approval, my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 4. I officially visited each Chapter in the District at least once, and some of the Chapters unofficially several times; I also had the pleasure of accompanying the Grand First Principal on a number of his visits to Chapters in District No. 3.

Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Calgary.—On May 13th, 1929, I visited this Chapter at a Regular Convocation, which was fairly well attended by the companions; there being no degree work, R. E. Companion M. B. Peacock gave a very interesting talk on his trip through Southern Italy.

On May 27th, 1929, I paid an official visit, and witnessed the Mark Master Mason degree, conferred by E. Companion Scaife in a most efficient manner.

On June 10th, 1929 and September 19th, 1929, I visited this Chapter, E. Companion Spankie conferring the Most Excellent Master degree on both occasions in an impressive manner.

December 9th, 1929—This was Past Principals' night; the meeting was conducted by R. E. Companion H. Minchin, who carried through the business of the evening very satisfactorily.

On February 24th, 1930, visited this Chapter, and witnessed the Mark Master Mason degree, conferred by E. Companion Morris and his officers in a satisfactory manner. The attendance was very good, a feature being the number of visitors.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, Calgary.—This is my home Chapter, and though I have been present at practically all meetings during the past year, I wish to especially mention the following:

May 2nd, 1929.—I had the pleasure of accompanying M. E. Companion J. R. Flan on his official visit. This was a most interesting meeting, the address of the Grand First Principal being very inspiring. The attendance was good.

June 20th, 1929.—Paid an official visit. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred by E. Companion Valentine and his officers, the work being carried out most creditably.

October 3rd, 1929.—Attended a regular convocation, when E. Companion Wilfred Pearson conferred the Mark Master Mason degree very efficiently and impressively.

November 7th, 1929.—This was a regular convocation, E. Companion Pearson conferring the Most Excellent Master degree, the work being done in a very able manner. This was the occasion of a fraternal visit of the officers and companions of Calgary Chapter, No. 11, and their presence was greatly appreciated by the companions of Otuskwan Chapter.

December 5th, 1929.—I had the pleasure of witnessing the Holy Royal Arch degree conferred by E. Companion Valentine. The splendid manner in which the degree was conferred was a revelation to the companions present, and evoked many congratulatory remarks from the members and visitors.

January 8th, 1930.—A joint convocation of Otuskwan Chapter No. 9, and Calgary Chapter, No. 11, at King George Masonic Temple, Hillhurst, Calgary, for the installation of officers for the ensuing year, the ceremony being conducted by M. E. Companion James R. Flan, assisted by R. E. Companions Black, Cleave and Garnes, M. E. Companion Ironside, and myself. The joint installation was a decided success—a testimony to the fraternal relations between the two Chapters. The attendance was very good.

February 20th, 1930.—An emergent convocation was held on this date, and I witnessed the Mark Master Mason degree conferred on two candidates by E. Companion Milligan, the newly elected Third Principal. I was pleased to have the privilege of obligating the candidates on this occasion, as one of them was my son. The work was done proficiently.

This Chapter has a splendid set of officers, who perform their duties in a creditable manner, and an excellent spirit of good fellowship prevails.

Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, Gleichen—October 9th, 1929, I made my official visit, and had the pleasure of the company of M. E. Companion Flan, Grand First Principal, R. E. Companions Carr and Craig, Past Grand Superintendents. There was no degree work. The business was carried through very efficiently by R. E. Companion Yates. E. Companion Flan addressed the companions on matters of interest to the Royal Craft. After the meeting, a splendid dinner was provided, which was worthy of mention, and the best of harmony prevailed among the companions.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano.—October 23rd, 1929, I officially visited Harmony Chapter, accompanied by Companion R. A. Brown, of Alberta Chapter, No. 1. This Chapter is in excellent shape under a staff of capable officers, who carry out the business in a most efficient manner. After the closing of the Chapter, we were entertained at a dinner and smoker by the companions, and had the pleasure of listening to a talk from Companion Brown on his recent trip through Europe. An excellent spirit of fellowship among the companions is evident.

February 5th, 1930.—I again had the pleasure of accompanying and assisting E. Companion Flan, Grand First Principal, to install the officers for the year 1930. I would like to congratulate the Chapter on the splendid attendance, as some of the companions were compelled to drive twenty to thirty miles over snow-covered roads to attend this meeting. After the ceremony, M. E. Companion Flan gave a very inspiring address on Capitular Masonry, which was very much appreciated by the companions.

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, Strathmore.—November 14th, 1929, I paid an official visit and had the pleasure of the company of M. E. Companion Flan. About thirty companions of Calgary Chapters were present. We saw the efficient conferring of the Mark Master Mason degree by E. Companion Groves, assisted by E. Companion Taylor, and E. Companion Pinkerton. After the meeting we were entertained

by an eight-piece orchestra (which accompanied us to Strathmore), composed of companions, members of the Calgary Temple Band. This Chapter is handicapped by its membership being scattered over a somewhat wide area.

Chapter of Instruction.—After consultation with R. E. Companion Way, Grand Superintendent of District No. 3, it was decided to hold a joint Chapter of Instruction of Districts No. 3 and 4 in Calgary on Wednesday, October 30th, 1929. The meeting was a decided success, representatives being present from every Chapter in both Districts. The attendance at both sessions taxed the accommodation of the red room in the new Masonic Temple. A lodge of Master Mark Masons was opened at 5 p.m. by Crescent Chapter, No. 24, the degree of Mark Master Mason was exemplified by E. Companion Donaldson and his officers, the work being done in a very creditable manner. In the absence of the Grand Lecturer, M. E. Companion Flan acted in this capacity, and after complimenting the officers on their work, answered questions asked, and gave valuable instruction regarding the work in this degree. The lodge was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet room, where a splendid dinner was provided by the Calgary Chapters. Subsequently Companion Rev. Dr. Kerby gave a splendid address, which was enjoyed by all. At 8:10 p.m. a Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch was opened by E. Companion Valentine and the officers of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, when the District Superintendents were received with Grand honors. I then took charge of the meeting and received with appropriate honors M. E. Companion Flan, Grand First Principal, accompanied by a large number of present and past Grand Chapter officers. M. E. Companion Flan briefly addressed the companions and congratulated them on the attendance. The Chapter was then called off, and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened. The Most Excellent Master degree was then conferred by E. Companion Spankie and the officers of Alberta Chapter, No. 1, very efficiently. M. E. Companion Flan again acted as Grand Lecturer, and after congratulating the officers on their work gave what instruction was required. The Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was closed, and the Chapter called on, when M. E. Companion Flan gave an address on Chapter management and degree work, and offered many valuable suggestions, which, if followed out, would tend to improve the Chapter meetings. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the Grand First Principal for his splendid address. The Chapter was then closed by E. Companion Donald and the officers of Calgary Chapter, No. 11, and the companions adjourned to the banquet room, where lunch was served, and entertainment provided by instrumental and vocal numbers, a pleasing feature being the presence of an orchestra composed of companions of the Chapters. This was the largest Royal Arch gathering held in the City of Calgary during the past year, and was not only interesting but instructive, and should tend to bring about greater uniformity in degree work, and also to strengthen the good feeling which already exists among the Chapters of Districts No. 3 and 4.

Other visits were made as follows:

March 22nd, 1929.—I had the pleasure of accompanying M. E. Companion Flan, with a number of other Grand Chapter officers and companions from Calgary Chapters, to Joseph Stauffer Chapter, at Didsbury, where the Grand First Principal installed R. E. Companion James A. McGhee in the office of Grand Third Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

May 20th, 1929.—I again had the pleasure of accompanying the Grand First Principal, on his official visit to Golden West Chapter at High River. R. E. Companion Way, Grand Superintendent of District No. 3 and a large number of companions from Calgary were also present.

October 17th, 1929.—Accompanied M. E. Companion Flan (with twenty-six companions from Calgary Chapters) to Banff Chapter, No. 20, at Banff. R. E. Companion Way, Grand Superintendent of District No. 3 paid an official visit on this occasion. After the reception of the Grand Chapter officers, E. Companion Ford conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree.

October 7th, 1929.—I had the pleasure of accompanying M. E. Companion Flan to Crescent Chapter, Calgary.

November 4th, 1929.—Visited Crescent Chapter, the occasion being a fraternal visit of Otuskwan Chapter.

In submitting this report, I take pleasure in stating that I have found all Chapters in the District in a healthy condition. The books and records which I examined were kept in good shape, and the paraphernalia appears to me to be reasonably insured.

The condition of Capitular Masonry in the District is very satisfactory; the Chapters are in the hands of capable and efficient officers, and the degree work is not only uniform, but is being conferred in a manner which should leave a good impression with the candidates.

The Chapters are working well together, and the interchange of visits between Chapters is very pleasing, and should be encouraged at every opportunity, as there is no doubt that these visits are conducive of greater harmony and better understanding between the companions.

In closing, I wish to thank the companions of District No. 4 for the honor they conferred on me by electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent. The work has been pleasant, owing to the good fellowship and hospitality I experienced on all my visits, and to the support I received from the companions of the Chapters.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES COMBA,

Grand Superintendent District No. 4.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 4 FOR THE YEAR 1929.

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergency Meetings	Average Attendance	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Pest控制	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months	In Arrears	Liabilities	Assets Cash or Securities	Dues Outstanding	Amount granted to	Amount of Insurance	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From	
Alberta.....	1	Calgary	10	2	35	\$4.00	310	3	0	16	10	4	2	4	2	285	39	Nil	\$1,973.00	\$693.50	\$539.25	\$900.00	\$291.25	good	C
Otuskwan.....	9	Calgary.....	10	1	34	\$5.00	157	4	0	1	2	0	7	7	7	165	27	\$196.00	1,028.25	680.80	135.00	500.00	76.35	good	C
Bow Valley.....	10	Gleichen.....	8	0	12	\$4.00	54	0	1	0	8	0	4	4	4	51	26	Nil	512.00	500.00	452.00	375.00	7.00	fair	3
Strathmore.....	21	Strathmore.....	9	0	18	\$6.00	57	1	0	0	8	0	2	1	1	52	24	20.00	201.47	800.00	198.00	600.00	Nil	fair	4
Harmony.....	26	Bassano	11	0	19	\$6.00	80	4	0	4	1	2	3	3	3	80	Nil	1,135.43	623.11	120.00	80.00	Nil	good	3	

"C"---Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT No. 5

Lethbridge, Alberta, January 28th, 1930.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 5.

It has been my privilege to visit every Chapter in the district, on two occasions in association with the Most Excellent Grand First Principal.

Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16.—On June 11th I was received officially by Tau Cross Chapter at Claresholm, and although there was no degree work, the business and the closing ceremonies of the Chapter were commendably performed.

My suggestion that the officers allot some time to exemplifying the degrees, notwithstanding the lack of candidates, was acted upon at the November meeting.

This Chapter has excellent accommodation and a splendid spirit prevails among the members.

Kether Chapter, No. 8.—Kether Chapter of Pincher Creek was officially visited on June 20th and conditions found to be excellent. No candidates being available, there was no degree work, but the business of the Chapter was very efficiently handled. The reputation of this Chapter regarding the capability of its officers to exemplify degrees has not, I feel sure, suffered at the hands of the present officers.

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15.—Your representative was received by Hillvue Chapter at Hillcrest on September 17th and welcomed by a large number of the companions, many of whom had come from considerable distances. This Chapter had no degree work, but the business proceedings were thorough and its management appears to be in capable hands.

Bekah Chapter, No. 7.—On November 6th in fulfilment of an arrangement with the Grand First Principal, Bekah Chapter of Macleod officially received M. E. Companion J. R. Flan and myself, and, although the arranged Most Excellent Master Degree had to be abandoned owing to the absence of the candidate, the evening was very profitably spent by the Grand First Principal's practical demonstration of the rearranged work. M. E. Companion Middleton's attendance on this occasion was much appreciated.

This Chapter is functioning very creditably.

It was my privilege to arrange the installation of the officers for 1930 on February 5th.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4.—By special dispensation, Shekinah Chapter at Lethbridge exemplified the three degrees on November 13th, commencing in the afternoon; twenty-two candidates were advanced, received and exalted.

In the evening I officially visited this my home Chapter, receiving a very cordial welcome, and witnessing the exemplification of the Royal Arch Degree. Previous to the evening's meeting the candidates and companions were given a splendid supper; an excellent spirit of fellowship prevailed.

The officers of this Chapter are maintaining the standard of excellence set by their predecessors.

On January 8th I was called upon to install the officers for 1930 on account of the unavoidable absence from the city of M. E. Companion N. T. Macleod.

On February 12th, M. E. Companion Flan officially visited Shekinah Chapter, on which occasion V. E. Companion W. H. Smith and myself were in attendance and the Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified to the satisfaction of the Grand First Principal, who also delivered a very inspiring address.

The services of E. Companion J. H. Smith of this Chapter as Scribe E at the District meeting are greatly appreciated.

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3.—It was my privilege to visit Assiniboia Chapter at Medicine Hat on December 19th, the Grand First Principal being also in attendance. The capability of the officers of this Chapter is very evident in the manner in which they conduct the business and in the excellence of the degree work. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on twelve candidates. The Chapter's method of electing its officers was changed by M. E. Companion Flan to conform with the constitution.

On January 16th I again visited Assiniboia Chapter and installed their new officers at the request of V. E. Companion T. A. Montgomery. There was a good attendance at both meetings.

District Meeting.—On October 2nd a Chapter of Instruction was held at Lethbridge and every Chapter in the district was well represented, the Grand First Principal being also present, together with M. E. Companion N. T. Macleod and M. E. Companion Middleton. The Chapter was opened by Bekah Chapter and closed by Kether Chapter and the Most Excellent Master degree exemplified by Shekinah Chapter. The Grand First Principal's lecture on "The Condition of Capitular Masonry" in the Jurisdiction offered many suggestions for creating and sustaining interest in our individual Chapters. A unique address on "The Sign Language of Freemasonry" was delivered by R. E. Companion Haslam of Claresholm, and its favorable reception by the companions indicates that the symbolical side of the craft has its appeal to the membership at large.

The success of this meeting is largely due to the assistance rendered by E. Companion C. Junget and the officers of Shekinah Chapter in making the necessary arrangements and handling the finances.

The Excellent First Principals of the several Chapters of the District are to be complimented on the successful management of the affairs of their respective Chapters, and there is every indication that an excellent spirit of harmony and good fellowship prevails throughout the district as well as a revival of interest in Capitular Masonry which was evidenced by the attendance at the District Meeting of such satisfactory representation from the Chapters. The officers of all the

Chapters appear to be eager to do their part and all records seem to be in perfect order.

I desire to record my appreciation of the Grand First Principal's courtesy in arranging to visit Chapters in this district at the time of my official visits and on other occasions, thereby benefiting the Chapters by his advice and knowledge of the work and creating interest and enthusiasm among the companions. I appreciate the spirit of the companions who accompanied me on my visitations, thus endeavoring to foster fraternal relations between the several Chapters.

Finally, my thanks are extended to the companions of District No. 5 for electing me as their Grand Superintendent, an honor more in recognition of the Chapter in which I have the privilege of membership than due to any personal qualifications. I trust I have in some degree measured up to their expectations.

Fraternally submitted,

PERCY CULL,
Grand Superintendent District No. 5.

On motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion Victor W. Wright, it was

RESOLVED, That the Reports of the Grand Superintendents be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 5 FOR THE YEAR 1929.

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergency Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Debts	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months	No. of Members 12 months	Arrears	Assets Cash or Securities	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Beneficence	Prospects	No. of Lodgees to Draw From	
Assiniboia	3	Medicine Hat	10	0	25	\$5.00	166	0	2	4	2	0	12	14	14	174	23	\$ 20.05	\$3,520.96	\$278.00	\$178.00	\$800.00	\$50.00	good	6
Shekinah	4	Lethbridge	10	4	27	\$5.00	156	2	0	0	9	1	28	27	27	27	176	Nil	1727.53	701.86	253.20	600.00	50.00	good	17
Bekah	7	Macleod	9	0	16	\$5.00	53	2	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	53	10	Nil	126.95	600.00	190.00	500.00	Nil	good	3
Kether	8	Pincher Creek	10	0	15	\$5.00	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	12	Nil	520.00	500.00	100.00	300.00	25.00	fair	2
Hillvue	15	Hillerest	7	0	\$6.00	\$3	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	47	17	Nil			102.00			3	
Tau Cross	16	Claresholm	7	0	10	\$4.20	45	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	42	7	Nil	215.90	300.00	79.80	Nil		3	

CORRESPONDENCE

From Past Grand First Principals and absent Officers of this Grand Chapter advising of their inability to attend this convocation and expressing their sincere regrets, conveying their fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful convocation.

March 11th—M. E. Companion John E. Johnson, P.G.F.P. Victoria, B.C.

March 12th—M. E. Companion Donald Adams, P.G.F.P., Revelstoke, B.C.

March 14th—V. E. Companion James R. Donaldson, Grand Sword Bearer.

March 18th—V. E. Companion Walter H. Smith, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

March 17th—R. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer, P.G.S. Strathmore.

From Sister Grand Chapters:—

Letter from the Grand Chapter of Canada under date of June 6th, 1929, conveying the sorrowful news of the death of R. E. Companion Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E. of that Grand Chapter.

From British Columbia, Canada, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, acknowledging receipt of our invitation to their Grand First Principals and Scribes to be our guests at this time.

From North Dakota and Maryland, extending cordial greetings and best wishes.

From Grand Representatives:—

John W. Prescott, British Columbia, Charles H. King, California; John K. Brydon, Ontario; Andrew J. Schattgen, Illinois; Roy H. Service, New York; Irving Stafford, Ohio; and Lawrence G. Kincheloe, West Virginia.

A telegram from W. J. Edwards, Grand First Principal of Quebec, and Grand Representative of Alberta in that jurisdiction.

A letter from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, relative to the appointment of R. E. Companion Charles H. Minchin as Grand Representative for that Grand Body, which would be brought up at their May Convocation.

From R. E. Companion Thomas Rankine acknowledging flowers and expression of sympathy in his sad bereavement.

From Mrs. Elizabeth Crawford, acknowledging correspondence from this Grand Chapter.

Invitations to the Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion Flan, from the Grand Chapters of Canada and North Dakota.

Applications for "A Warrant of Constitution" from David Thompson Chapter at Jasper and Edson Chapter at Edson.

The Grand First Principal ordered that such correspondence as had not already been attended to, be answered and filed. That the applications from David Thompson and Jasper Chapters be referred to the Committee on Warrants.

It was regularly moved and seconded, and unanimously adopted that telegrams be sent to M. E. Companions James N. Rankin, Robert Patterson and John E. Johnson, expressing our regrets at their inability to be present and conveying sincere and loving fraternal greetings from this Grand Chapter.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 12:30 o'clock p.m.

FIRST DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Chapter resumed labor at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

LATE RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION HENRY T. SMITH

On motion of R. E. Companion Mark B. Peacock, seconded by R. E. Companion C. Harry Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, That we set aside a page in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to the memory of our late Right Excellent Companion, Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada from February, 1916, until the date of his death on May 29th, 1929, and that suitable mention be made of the serious loss suffered by Capitular Masonry in general, and by the Grand Chapter of Canada in particular, and the same spread on the minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee on Warrants have examined the books of David Thompson Chapter and Edson Chapter under dispensation, also the report of the District Superintendent, and find the books are well kept and in order, and we recommend that Charters be granted these Chapters, to be numbered 29 and 30 respectively.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM T. COOTE, *Chairman*
JAMES A. McGHEE
CYRIL A. MacPHERSON
JOHN W. G. MORRISON.

On motion of M. E. Companion William T. Coote, seconded by R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

CHARTERS PRESENTED

The report of the Committee on Warrants having been adopted, M. E. Companion James R. Flan, Grand First Principal took pleasure in presenting beautifully engrossed charters to E. Companion Neils A. Bolli, of David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, and Companion Frank Mayer, of Edson Chapter, No. 30, under whose care these Chapters were during their probationary period.

Suitable acknowledgement was made by each in a few brief remarks.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has carefully considered all the matters that have been brought before it and beg to report as follows:

Question.—What is the proper method of electing officers in a Subordinate Chapter?

Answer.—By ballot without nomination.

Question—What is the standing of a Companion who is a Life Member of a Craft Lodge in Scotland, affiliated with a Craft Lodge and a Chapter in this jurisdiction and has been suspended for non payment of dues in his Craft Lodge, but claims his right to good standing in the Chapter by reason of his being a life member of the Craft Lodge in Scotland?

Answer—Our finding is that when a brother becomes suspended in one Craft Lodge he automatically becomes suspended in the other, and therefore must get reinstated in his Craft Lodge to retain his standing in the Chapter.

Question.—Can the application of a brother be voted on at a meeting when on account of a typographical error, his name is not properly spelled, so that the name appears quite different from what it really is?

Answer.—No.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM T. COOTE, *Chairman*
JOHN W. G. MORRISON
EDWIN G. IRONSIDE

On motion of M. E. Companion William T. Coote, seconded by R. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

On motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be laid on the table until after Notices of Motion have been dealt with.

Grand Scribe E's Report

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

I beg to submit for your consideration my report for the year
ending February 28th, 1930.

As you will notice from the Statement of Membership we have
made an increase, which though not large, is on the right side.

The Proceedings of our last Annual Convocation were not printed
as early as in former years, the receipt of some of the "copy" being
delayed until the end of the year 1929. At the date of this report,
however, they have all been printed and distributed to those entitled
to receive them.

Any further comment on the year's work by me will be unnecessary
as the reports of the various office bearers and committees appointed
for that purpose will appear under their proper headings.

Statement of Membership

Number of Regular Chapters.....	28
Number of Chapters under Dispensation.....	2
	— 30

Number of Members, December 31st, 1928..... 2,809

Additions

Admissions to December 31st, 1929.....	160
Affiliations to December 31st, 1929.....	62
Restorations to December 31st, 1929.....	11
	— 233

Deductions

Resignations to December 31st, 1929.....	86
Suspensions to December 31st, 1929.....	87
Deaths to December 31st, 1929.....	32
	— 205
Net Increase for year 1929.....	— 28
Number on Roll December 31st, 1929.....	— 2,837

Cash Statements

CAPITAL BENEVOLENT FUND

Cash in Bank February 28th, 1929.....	\$1,185.58
Collected in 1929.....	685.75
Cheque paid to widow of deceased Companion.....	\$ 100.00
Cheque paid to Companion.....	50.00
Surplus in General Bank Account.....	1,721.33
	—
	\$1,871.33
	\$1,871.33

GENERAL FUND

Received from Chapters, 1929.....	\$4,107.28
Interest on Savings Certificates.....	144.15
Capital City Cheque charged back.....	7.00
Strathmore Cheque charged back.....	2.70
Adjustment on David Thompson Cheque.....	5.00
Cash on Hand.....	\$ 3.25
Paid to Grand Treasurer (See Treas. Statement).....	4,262.88
	—
	\$4,266.13
	\$4,266.13

LEDGER BALANCES

Amounts due from Chapters Feb. 28th, 1929.....	\$ 621.11
Credits to Chapters, Feb. 28th, 1929.....	52.85
	-----\$ 568.96

ITEMIZED REVENUE FROM SALES TO CHAPTERS

Registrations and R. A. Certificates.....	\$ 453.00
Registering of Joinings.....	27.00
Certificates, P.Z.'s and others.....	6.00
Dispensations General.....	40.00
Dispensation, New Chapter.....	35.00
Annual Dues, per capita.....	1,371.50
Annual Dues, Capital Benevolent Fund.....	685.75
Sales of Supplies.....	1,000.74
	-----3,618.99
	\$4,187.25
Less amount received from Chapters (see Cash Statement).....	4,107.28
	-----\$ 79.97

AM'TS DUE FROM CHAPTERS FEB. 28, 1930

North Star, No. 2.....	\$ 2.10
Shekinah, No. 4.....	3.25
Golden West, No. 5.....	7.60
Kether, No. 8.....	.15
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	6.50
Calgary, No. 11.....	7.25
Keystone, No. 12.....	3.00
Capital City, No. 13.....	3.35
Hillvue, No. 15.....	.60
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	.80
Norwood, No. 18.....	1.65
Hiram, No. 19.....	5.60
Strathmore, No. 21.....	2.10
Coronation, No. 23.....	3.08
Crescent, No. 24.....	2.75
Strathcona, No. 25.....	7.15
Harmony, No. 26.....	2.15
Hanna, No. 28.....	130.08
Edson, U.D.....	5.61
F. S. Selwood.....	14.95
	-----\$ 209.72

LESS CREDITS TO CHAPTERS FEB. 28, 1930

Assiniboia, No. 3.....	14.80
Vermilion, No. 14.....	18.50
Mount Olivet, No. 17.....	2.75
Banff, No. 20.....	10.00
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.....	14.25
Eheyeh, No. 27.....	7.05
David Thompson, U.D.....	62.40
	-----129.75
	-----\$ 79.97

GRAND JAHN BROTHERS

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Grand Officers' Expenses—

Grand Superintendents for 1928-29.....	\$ 121.95
Grand First Principal 1929-30.....	365.32

	\$ 487.27

Grand Chapter Convocation Expense, 1929-30—

S. H. Davies, Grand Janitor.....	10.00
Printing preliminary reports.....	60.18
Printing Banquet Tickets.....	3.06
Rent—Calgary Masonic Temple.....	30.00
Printing list of Officers 1929-30.....	10.46
Printing Annual Notices, 1930.....	17.09

Auditing.....	35.00
Grand Scribe E. salary.....	720.00
Grand Scribe E., clerical work.....	50.00
Rent of Safety Deposit Box.....	3.00
Premium on Bonds.....	3.00
Premium on Insurance.....	10.24
Stationery and Printing (office use).....	93.63
Postage.....	26.61
Flowers.....	18.00
Engrossing.....	5.00
Office Expense (filing cards).....	24.48
Office Furniture and Equipment.....	15.00
Royal Arch Certificates.....	103.16
Library.....	4.95
Entertainment.....	16.20
Cuts and Photography.....	5.00
Christmas Cigars.....	6.00
Supplies for re-sale.....	109.20
Regalia and Paraphernalia for re-sale.....	572.51
Benevolence.....	150.00

	\$2,589.04

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Grand Officers' Regalia, less depreciation.....	\$ 832.52
Office Furniture, Books, etc., less depreciation.....	327.41
Certificate Stone and Cuts.....	74.00
Supplies for re-sale.....	887.11
Stationery and Printing.....	122.85
Library.....	66.12

	\$2,310.01

REVENUE ACCOUNT

For twelve months ended February 28th, 1930

By Annual Per Capita dues.	\$ 1,371.50
Registrations and Royal Arch Certificates.	450.00
Registration of Joinings.	30.00
Certificates for Past Principals and others.	6.00
Dispensations.	40.00
Dispensation for new Chapter.	35.00
Interest accrued on Savings Certificates.	\$ 24.00
Interest received during period.	144.15

	\$ 168.15
Less Interest set up as accrued Feb. 28, 1929.	22.00

Supplies—Sales.	\$1,000.74
To cost of supplies sold:	
Inventory Feb. 28, 1929.	\$ 916.67
Purchases 1929-30.	784.87

	1,701.54
Less Inventory Feb. 28, 1930.	887.11

Net cost supplies sold.	814.43

	186.31
Gross Revenue.	\$2,264.96
To Expense:	
Grand Chapter Convocation Expense.	\$ 130.79
Grand Officers Travelling Expense.	487.27
Grand Scribe E. Salary.	720.00
Grand Scribe E. for clerical expense.	50.00
Auditing.	35.00
Safety Deposit Box.	3.00
Premium on Bonds.	3.00
Premium on Insurance.	10.24
Postage.	26.61
Flowers.	18.00
Engraving.	5.00
Office Expense.	24.48
Estimated cost of 1929 Proceedings.	464.00
Stationery and Printing:	
Inventory Feb. 28, 1929.	\$ 126.96
Purchases 1929-30.	93.63

	220.59
Less Inventory Feb. 28.	122.85

	97.74
Sundry:	
Entertainment.	16.20
Cuts and Photography.	5.00
Christmas Cigars.	6.00

	27.20
Reserves for Depreciation:	
Office Furniture, etc.	24.56
Grand Officers' Regalia.	68.40
Stone and Cuts, etc.	14.80

	107.76
Gross Expense.	-----
	2,210.09
Net Increase for year.	\$ 54.87

Balance Sheet as at February 28th, 1930

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Cash on hand.....	\$ 3.25
Bank Balance.....	1,493.64
Province of Alberta Savings Certificates.....	1,300.00
Due from Chapters.....	209.72
Accrued Interest.....	24.00
Grand Officers' Regalia.....	1,368.05
Office Furniture, Books, etc.....	496.40
Stone and Cuts.....	148.00
Library.....	66.12
Inventory:	
Stationery.....	\$122.85
Supplies for re-sale.....	887.11
	1,009.96
Reserves for Depreciation:	
On Grand Officers' Regalia.....	\$467.13
Allowance for 1929-30.....	68.40
	535.53
On Office Furniture, etc.....	144.43
Allowance for 1929-30.....	24.56
	168.99
On Stone and Cuts.....	59.20
Allowance for 1929-30.....	14.80
	74.00
	778.52
Surplus Account:	
Balance February 28th, 1919.....	\$4,639.65
Add Net increase as per Revenue Statement.....	54.87
	4,694.52
	\$6,119.14
	778.52
	\$6,119.14
CAPITAL BENEVOLENT FUND	
Cash in Bank.....	\$1,721.33
Province of Alberta Savings Certificates.....	2,000.00
	\$3,721.33
	\$3,721.33

RESTORED TO MEMBERSHIP

North Star, No. 2.....C. T. Lally.
 Assiniboia, No. 3.....James W. Reid, Hamilton Morrow.
 Golden West, No. 5.....Oliver W. Bowlus, Arthur G. Spooner.
 Bekah, No. 7.....J. T. Lewis.
 Bow Valley, No. 10.....Albert N. Reay.
 Joseph Stauffer, No. 22..John Schrader.
 Strathcona, No. 25.....Stewart Hill

WITHDRAWALS

Alberta, No. 1.....Matthew B. Wilkinson, Arthur D. Cummings,
 Thomas A. Wright, Joseph Bennett, Gordon Hitchcock, J. A. Brookbank, John Scotland, George Hurlbutt, Harold D. Ferguson, John H. Adams, Ivan Dixon, James B. King, Charles W. E. Scrase, Nigel Donald Gray, Adolph Brunner, Robert M. Duff.
 North Star, No. 2.....J. E. Clark, F. B. Summers.
 Assiniboia, No. 3.....Alex B. Burpee, John J. Walsh, Frederick W. McTear, John M. Dixon.
 Golden West, No. 5.....Charles Leighton Hagger.
 Mount Horeb, No. 6.....John N. Cawsey
 Bekah, No. 7.....J. F. Lewis, W. D. Chalmers.
 Otuskwani, No. 9.....Arthur Huddell.
 Calgary, No. 11.....David Carrington, George Notley, Frederick L. Jones, John Scott.
 Keystone, No. 12.....Chrales W. Saunders, A. W. Hockin.
 Capital City, No. 13.....Albert H. Stokes, George A. Agnew, Donald M. MacKenzie, Frank Mayer, Sidney W. Bridges, Walter Whelpley, Aquilla S. Maxwell, Daniel M. MacKenzie, Allan D. A. MacMillan, George E. Cook, John S. Wright, Ernest W. Davies, John Sullivan, Ray M. Singmaster, Gilbert J. Cooke, James J. Clarke.
 Vermilion, No. 14.....James E. Tyner, John Whitaker, Andrew Youngblut, J. A. Roseborough, Albert E. Pilkie, Chester J. Banford, Richard U. Oldenburg, W. T. McMurdo, Norman A. M. Tucker.
 Tau Cross, No. 16.....Roland Arthur Hopkins, Fred S. Ditto.
 Norwood, No. 18.....Henry Southworth, A. Plottel, (Dr.) Frank Harvey, James Bryson, Edwin Conger.
 Hiram, No. 19.....David A. Carter, Neil A. Ford, Andrew W. Hyde, Charles Henry Ray, Smith B. Small.
 Joseph Stauffer, No. 22..Eugene A. Roach, Royal D. Sheffield, Alex Guy, W. B. Mahon.
 Coronation, No. 23.....Ora D. Cochrane.
 Crescent, No. 24.....H. S. Gordon, F. W. Harness.
 Strathcona, No. 25.....J. T. McCoy, Arthur Norris.
 Harmony, No. 26.....S. McKenzie Welsh, Othello W. Moore, Robert H. Struthers, Ralph C. Armstrong.
 Eheyeh, No. 27.....H. Tully Montgomery, William Marr, A. E. Lockerbie.

DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION

Alberta, No. 1.....Alfred James Bingham, Robert G. Brett,
 Jacob Diamond, William John Shipley.
 North Star, No. 2.....Frederick G. Forster, William J. Webster.

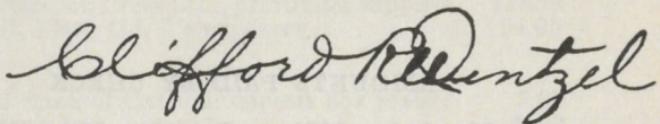
Assiniboia, No. 4.....	Robert A. Wright.
Golden West, No. 5.....	William A. Sim, William J. Noble.
Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	Alfred R. Duncan.
Bekah, No. 7.....	Chester A. Arthur, James Boyd Sutherland.
Calgary, No. 11.....	William J. Buckle.
Keystone, No. 12.....	Louis H. King.
Capital City, No. 13.....	William Gibbs, Walter G. Lowery.
Vermilion, No. 14.....	Dalton B. Hart, John J. Eades, Arthur W. Ebbett.
Norwood, No. 18.....	George W. Potter, William Neale, Elmore R. Harmon.
Banff, No. 20.....	Robert G. Brett, Ernest Roots.
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.....	Archibald McLean.
Coronation, No. 23.....	Thomas Corbett, George A. Short.
Crescent, No. 24.....	George C. Crawford.
Harmony, No. 26.....	Robert Stanley S. Wight, Joseph H. Brewer.
David Thompson, U.D.....	David Oliver Watkins.
Edson, U.D.....	William R. Hare.

SUSPENSIONS FOR N.P.D.

Alberta, No. 1.....	Frank R. Young, Hugh S. Taylor, Alexander Sereth, G. E. Kennedy, Peter W. Fraser, Gesner T. Brander, Harold K. Balcombe, Walter Bird.
	Albert E. Talbot, John I. Ward—Susp. in Craft Lodge.
North Star, No. 2.....	John Fox, W. J. McCammon, C. DeMille Tripp.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	Walter J. Joy, Gordon F. Cunliffe.
Shekinah, No. 4.....	William Bond, Cloyd B. Bender, C. W. Cook, Henry O. Harrison, Edward G. Harvey, Albert E. Humphries, R. G. Lipton, R. W. Long, E. R. Popham.
Golden West, No. 5.....	Raymond W. Lowery.
Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	Robert J. Ferguson, George E. Measom.
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	A. G. Beck, George S. Gayland.
Bow Valley, No. 10.....	Basil Payne, William M. Walsh, W. G. Anderson, W. A. Graham, D. McAdam, A. H. Spur, Angus N. McLeay, W. J. McMullen.
Calgary, No. 11.....	Thomas W. Bannerman, Percy Hutchings, Paul Naftel, James Millar.
Keystone, No. 12.....	John Malcolm, George Fleming, Ralph Patterson, D. W. McKinnon, Hugh McLevin.
Hillvue, No. 15.....	David Hutton, Owen Morgan, Robert Brown, William Donaldson, William Autrobus, William E. G. Hall.
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	Charles W. James.
Mount Olivet, No. 17.....	Benito D. Brown, Earnest C. Barnwell, William D. Graham, Walter E. G. Hunter, Gorden A. Kearns, Charles E. McGowan, William R. McGowan, Neil P. McEachern, Thomas A. Nash, John G. Pope, Edward N. Rose.
Banff, No. 20.....	Andrew P. Hastings.
Strathmore, No. 21.....	Harry Wood, A. N. Lindsay, E. Linkhart, L. B. Lodmell, M. E. Tiffin, V. C. Chapman, William McMillan, A. D. Currie.
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.....	Robert Weston.

Coronation, No. 23..... Amienis A. Towns, George M. Dillon, Birdie
R. Cramer, Robert J. Hewitt, William W.
Jones, John C. Matheson, Leonard O.
Gould.
Crescent, No. 24..... Herbert Woolrich.
Strathcona, No. 25..... Frederick W. Alexander.
Harmony, No. 26..... Frederick R. B. Leacroft.
Eheyeh, No. 27..... George Humphries, J. David Thomas, John
Burton.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Scribe E.

Report of Grand Treasurer

March 1st, 1929, to February 28th, 1930

Mar. 1, 1929—Cash in Bank.....	\$2,242.72
Less outstanding checks.....	739.24
	\$1,503.48
Received from Grand Scribe E.....	4,262.88
	\$5,766.36

AMOUNTS PAID BY CHECK

March 1st, 1929, to February 28th, 1930

1929

April 6 Debit by Bank, returned check.....	\$ 2.70
April 6 Debit by Bank, returned check.....	7.00
Mar. 23 J. E. Johnson, Benevolent Fund.....	100.00
April 6 Walter Hill, Benevolent Fund.....	50.00
April 6 Roy M. Lambertson, Gd. Supt. Allowance, 1928-29.....	25.00
April 6 Orlando G. Craig, Gd. Supt. Allowance..	25.00
April 6 Thos. J. Cumberland, Gd. Supt. Allow...	25.00
April 19 Linton's Book Store Office Exp.....	2.30
April 19 S. H. Davies, Gd. Janitors Fee.....	10.00
May 1 Hotel Palliser Entertainment.....	16.20
May 10 Albertan Job Press Ltd., printing.....	65.79
May 10 Campbell Floral Co., flowers.....	8.00
May 10 W. A. Ackland Agencies, prem. on bonds	3.00
May 10 Calgary Masonic Temple Ltd., rent.....	30.00
May 16 D. J. Garnes, Gd. Supt. Allowance.....	21.95
June 12 Ambrose Kent & Sons Ltd., regalia.....	15.38
June 12 C. R. Wentzel, Gd. S.E. Salary.....	180.00
June 29 Cuthbert Fowler, Gd. Supt. Allowance..	25.00
June 29 Henry Birks & Sons Ltd., jewels.....	14.49
June 29 Henry W. Ford, auditing.....	35.00
June 29 C. R. Wentzel, postage, phone & expenses	16.61
July 15 Albertan Job Press Ltd., printing.....	10.46
July 15 Muir Cap & Regalia Co. Ltd., regalia..	130.00
July 15 Knights Bindery, mailing tubes.....	4.08
July 15 C. R. Wentzel, Membership Index System	50.00
Sept. 6 Muir Cap & Regalia Co. Ltd., regalia...	44.50
Sept. 6 N. W. J. Hayden, library fund & exchange	4.95
Sept. 6 Albertan Job Press Ltd., office expenses & record cards.....	24.48
Sept. 6 C. R. Wentzel, Gd. S.E. Salary.....	180.00
Sept. 30 Muir Cap & Regalia Co. Ltd., regalia...	65.00
Sept. 30 Office Specialty Mfg. Co., furniture.....	9.00
Sept. 30 Jas. R. Flan, Gd. Z's expenses.....	70.40
Oct. 20 Muir Cap & Regalia Co. Ltd., regalia...	80.65
Oct. 19 Linton's Book Store, district minute books	3.45
Oct. 19 Knights Bindery, district minute books..	6.00
Oct. 19 J. H. Eaton Ltd., regalia.....	22.00
Oct. 19 Albertan Job Press Ltd., bound and padded books.....	26.65
	\$1,410.04

1929		Carried Forward.....	\$1,410.04
Nov. 13	Muir Cap & Regalia Co. Ltd., regalia...	30.44	
Nov. 13	Jas. R. Flan, Gd. Z's expenses.....	52.97	
Nov. 13	Henry Birks & Sons Ltd., jewels.....	5.92	
Nov. 13	C. R. Wentzel, stamps and postage.....	10.00	
Nov. 14	Albertan Job Press Ltd., R. A. Certificates and books.....	106.76	
Nov. 29	W. M. Mac Nab, flowers.....	10.00	
Nov. 29	C. R. Wentzel, Gd. S. E. Salary.....	180.00	
Dec. 24	W. A. Ackland Agencies, insur. premiums	10.24	
Dec. 24	Muir Cap & Regalia Co. Ltd., regalia...	93.13	
Dec. 24	Albertan Job Press Ltd., printing& supplies	111.74	
Dec. 24	Jas. R. Flan, Gd. Z's expenses.....	94.05	
1930			
Jan. 7	Royal Bank of Canada, deposit box rent..	3.00	
Jan. 8	Conways Ltd., cigars.....	6.00	
Jan. 8	Muir Cap & Regalia Co. Ltd., regalia...	65.00	
Jan. 29	J. R. Flan, Gd. Z's expenses.....	100.55	
Feb. 4	Albertan Job Press Ltd., printing.....	42.85	
Feb. 28	A. L. Hess, photography.....	5.00	
Feb. 28	J. H. Routledge, engrossing.....	5.00	
Feb. 28	Albertan Job Press, Ltd., printing.....	22.70	
Feb. 28	Henry Birks & Sons, Ltd.....	6.00	
Feb. 28	C. R. Wentzel, Gd.S.E. salary.....	180.00	
		-----	\$2,551.39
		-----	\$3,214.97
Feb. 28	Bank balance.....	\$3,433.67	
	Less outstanding cheques.....	218.70	
		-----	\$3,214.97

Fraternally submitted,

William C. Black

Grand Treasurer.

Auditors' Report

Calgary, March 10th, 1930.

To the Audit and Finance Committee of the
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Gentlemen:

We have examined the books and financial reports of the Grand Scribe E and the Grand Treasurer and find them in agreement with the vouchers, cheques and bank statements. All monies received have been deposited to the credit of the Grand Chapter in the Royal Bank of Canada.

The amount of \$3,300.00 is invested in Provincial Savings Certificates registered in the name of the Grand Chapter and are in a safety deposit box at the Bank where they were inspected by us. Of these certificates, \$1,300.00 belong to General Fund and \$2,000.00 to Benevolent Fund.

Depreciation on Grand Chapter property has been maintained at the usual rate. The books have been well and carefully kept, all our requirements as auditors have been complied with and, in our opinion, the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of Grand Chapter affairs as at February 28th, 1930, according to the best of our information, the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of Grand Chapter.

Yours fraternally,

Henry N. Ford

Chartered Accountant

C. H. Minchin

Auditors.

On motion of R. E. Companion Mark B. Peacock, seconded by M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the reports of the Grand Scribe E., Treasurer and Auditors be received and referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Net Increase
1	Alberta	Calgary	2nd Monday	Arthur T Spankie	Norman B. Williams	25
2	North Star	Edmonton	2nd Tuesday	G. Lynn Tipp	Leslie H. Feilly	1
3	Assiniboia	Medicine Hat	3rd Thursday	Arthur G. Finch	Walter B. Stevens	8
4	Shekinah	Lethbridge	2nd Wednesday	John A. Livingston	John J. James	20
5	Golden West	High River	4th Tuesday	William Dobson	Percy G. Thomas	112
6	Mount Horeb	Wetaskiwin	4th Thursday	George E. Wiseman	George D. Wallace	1
7	Bekah	Macleod	1st Wednesday	William Beets	Arthur Young	1
8	Kether	Pinerher Creek	3rd Thursday	Hugh C. Lancaster	Robert Y. Lairdlaw	53
9	Obuskwaw	Calgary	1st Thursday	Wifred Pearson	John Cowey	52
10	Bow Valley	Gleichen	2nd Tuesday	Albert R. Yates	Thomas H. Beach	8
11	Calgary	Calgary	2nd Wednesday	Gladstone R. Hains	108	165
12	Keystone	Red Deer	4th Tuesday	Frank A. Stewart	Wm. J. Stephenson	3
13	Capital City	Edmonton	2nd Friday	Kenneth Fraser	132	51
14	Vermilion	Vermilion	2nd Tuesday	Edwin Corley	David McIntosh	107
15	Hillcrest	Hillview	3rd Tuesday	D. Rees	J. W. G. Morrison	107
16	Tau Cross	Clareholm	2nd Tuesday	Thomas P. Lewis	Haro d Henderson	1
17	Mount Olivet	Killam	3rd Wednesday	Edward H. Mack	45	127
18	Norwood	Edmonton	1st Thursday	George Roddick	Charles R. Nash	5
19	Hiram	Youngstown	Monday on or after full moon	Albert E. Sligden	John F. Hall	210
20	Banff	Banff	3rd Thursday	David Dishan	Norman Steele	9
21	Strathmore	Strathmore	2nd Thursday	Thomas J. Walls	Arthur N. Saddington	74
22	Joseph Stauffer	Didsbury	Wednesday after full moon	Daniel A. Perry	Walter E. Mercer	6
23	Coronation	Coronation	2nd Thursday after full moon	J. Lester Clarke	James McDougall	42
24	Crescent	Calgary	1st Monday	Geo A. Hetherington	Georg ² K. Stevenson	58
25	Strathcona	So. Edmonton	1st Friday	William H. Green	Frank W. Keyte	1
26	Harmony	Bassano	4th Wednesday	James Duncan	Franklin Booth	103
27	Eheyeh	Drumbeller	1st Friday	Harvey Smith	George H. Travis	68
28	Hanna	Hanna	3rd Thursday	Arthur H. Jones	William A. Irving	80
UD	David	Jasper	3rd Thursday	Andrew W. Hyde	Charles R. Abbott	32
UD	Edson	Edson	2nd Tuesday	Neils A. Bolli	Thomas C. Young	22
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

M. E. Sir and Companions:—

The Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address desire to congratulate our Grand First Principal on the successful completion of a heavy but successful year of Capitular labor. His close attention to the business of Grand Chapter and his activities are proof of his own appreciation. In this regard, it is worthy of note that in the discharge of his duties he travelled seven thousand five hundred miles by train and motor, and visited every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction.

It is a matter of congratulation that peace and harmony prevail throughout this large Jurisdiction, and that no contentious matter appeared throughout the year.

We concur in the remarks of the Grand First Principal, when he pays tribute to those pioneers who in the early days blazed the trails, enduring hardship and suffering.

During the year, M. E. Companion Flan did much to encourage intervisiting among constituent Chapters. We commend this idea, not only to City Chapters, but to those Chapters which can do this by motor travelling.

The dispensations granted by the Grand First Principal appear to have been within the Constitution.

We endorse his recommendations that Past rank be conferred on all Grand District Superintendents.

Your Committee concur in the following recommendations:

No. 1.—That a Committee be appointed to re-arrange District Number One, and any other District which shall be affected by any change made in Number One.

No. 2.—That a Committee be appointed to revise standard by-laws.

No. 3.—That a Committee be appointed to compile a Digest of Decisions and the same be printed in the next proceedings.

No. 4.—That six copies of the work be supplied to each Constituent Chapter, and that the First Principal of each Chapter be responsible for the safe custody of such.

We wish to express to the Grand First Principal our appreciation of his untiring and successful efforts in behalf of this Grand Body.

The Committee desire to commend the Grand Second Principal and Grand Third Principal on their efforts during the past year to arouse interest in the principles and work of Royal Arch Masonry in those parts of the jurisdiction within which they reside. We feel that they have rendered valuable assistance to the Most Excellent Grand First Principal in seizing every opportunity to be of service to him or the Chapters within their cable tow.

We desire to express the sympathy of this Grand Chapter with each of these distinguished Companions in the disabilities under which they labored, due to illness, and trust that they have fully recovered, and will be blessed with the best of health during the coming year.

We desire to express to the Grand Second and Third Principals our appreciation of their zealous labors in the cause of the Royal Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
EDWIN G. IRONSIDE,
WILLIAM T. COOTE,
WILLIAM M. McNAB,
FREDERICK S. SELWOOD.

On motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on the Grand First, Second and Third Principals' Addresses be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report as follows:

(1) We have examined the reports of the Grand Scribe E., the Grand Treasurer and the Auditors.

(2) These reports are very clear and concise and we recommend their adoption.

(3) We are sorry to note that there has been no decrease in the amount of dues owing to the Chapters. We strongly recommend that greater efforts be made by the responsible officers of constituent Chapters to remedy this state of affairs.

(4) We recommend that the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars be taken from the bank balance and one thousand dollars of the Benevolent Fund and invested in Alberta Savings Certificates.

Fraternally submitted,

C. A. MacPHERSON,
Acting Chairman.
GEO. W. ELLIOTT,
H. SANDILANDS
FREDERICK S. SELWOOD.
CHARLES H. MINCHIN

On motion of R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, seconded by R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

M. E. Sir and Companions:

We congratulate this Grand Body on the peace and harmony prevailing in this Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,

Chairman.

H. SANDILANDS,

GEORGE B. MCLEOD,

JOHN W. G. MORRISON,

GEORGE A. ROUNCE

On motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion Clifford R. Wentzel, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON "WORK"

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

We, your Special Committee on the Work, beg to report that a number of meetings have been held and careful consideration given to this important matter. Amongst other things we found it desirable to draft supplementary instructions and explanations of the floor work in the several degrees and to prepare diagrams showing the various movements, including the methods in which the companions should be arranged during the ceremonies. These instructions, explanations and diagrams were printed and distributed to the Subordinate Chapters for their use and guidance in conferring the degrees, and a noticeable improvement as well as uniformity in the floor work has resulted.

We would recommend that this Special Committee be continued or alternatively that a Standing Committee on Work be appointed at this Grand Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES R. FLAN, *Chairman.*

CYRIL A. MacPHERSON,

CLIFFORD R. WENTZEL.

On motion of R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, seconded by R. E. Companion Clifford R. Wentzel, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on "Work" be received and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION

There being no report from the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, the chairman, M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, being so busily engaged during the year that it was impossible to complete the revision, it was

RESOLVED, on motion of R. E. Companion C. Harry Minchin and seconded by V. E. Companion George A. Rounce,

"That this Grand Chapter express their approval of the continuation of the Committee, with the same personnel, but with a change of chairman."

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

On motion of M. E. Companion George B. McLeod, seconded by M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, it was

RESOLVED, That M. E. Companion George Francis Burgess, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan, be elected to become an "Honorary Past Grand First Principal" of this Grand Chapter, and that he also be made an "Honorary Life Member" of this Grand Chapter, and further that a Certificate of Life Membership be prepared for M. E. Companions Burgess, Yorke and Adams

CHANGE OF TITLE—JANITOR TO TYLER

On motion of M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, seconded by M. E. Companion George B. McLeod, it was

RESOLVED, That the official title of the officer now known as "Janitor" be changed to "Tyler."

Carried unanimously.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY

MORNING SESSION

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Chapter resumed labor at 9:20 o'clock a.m.

ACTION ON NOTICES OF MOTION

Notices of Motion as proposed by E. Companion Henry W. Ford (in accordance with Section 147 of the Constitution, whereby he gave notice that he would move or cause them to be moved) were brought before Grand Chapter on motion of R. E. Companion Charles Harry Minchin, and seconded by R. E. Companion Mark B. Peacock.

"Whereas, the recommendation of the Committee on Benevolence at the 1928 Convocation of Grand Chapter conflicts with Section 59 of the Constitution.

"And, whereas, the word 'Capital' as applied to Benevolent Fund is apparently contrary to the intention of Grand Chapter.

"And, whereas, the sum of 25c per member appears to be too high for Benevolent purposes as indicated by the recommendation above referred to which has as its object the setting aside of a sum of \$2,000.00 for emergency purposes.

"Be it resolved, that Section 59 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

"(a) In the line which reads 'For every member of a Chapter, etc., 50c., strike out the figures '50c.' and substitute '75c.'

"(b) Strike out all of the last paragraph on page 26 and substitute the following:

"There shall be a special fund known as the 'Benevolent Fund, under the jurisdiction of the Benevolent Committee to be used only for emergency cases requiring aid from Grand Chapter. Warrants drawn on this fund shall, notwithstanding the provisions of Sec. 48, subsection 2, be signed by the Grand Scribe E., and countersigned by the Chairman of the Benevolent Committee.

"It shall be the duty of the Grand Scribe E. at the close of each fiscal year to transfer from General Fund to the Benevolent Fund such amount as is necessary to maintain the latter Fund at the sum of \$2,000.00, or such sum in excess thereof as Grand Chapter may, from time to time, deem expedient.

"When the whole of such Benevolent Fund is invested in securities, and the aforesaid committee requires any sum for its purposes under the amount of \$200.00, then it shall not be necessary to dispose of any of such securities, but, on the recommendation of the Committee, the sum required shall be drawn from General Fund.

"Interest accruing from such securities aforesaid shall be deemed to be General Revenue of Grand Chapter."

AMENDMENT

Moved in amendment by M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, and seconded by R. E. Companion James A. McGhee, that,

The word "Capital" be struck out of the last paragraph on page 26, and the rest of the "Notice of Motion" be voided.

Amendment carried.

Notice of Motion as proposed by R. E. Companion Charles Harry Minchin (in accordance with Section 147 of the Constitution, whereby he gave notice that he would move or cause to be moved) was brought before Grand Chapter on motion of R. E. Companion Charles Harry Minchin, and seconded by R. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison:—

"Be it resolved, that Section 59 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

"Insert after the figures 25, first paragraph, Section No. 59 of the Constitution:

"Provided however, that subordinate Chapters shall not be required to remit to Grand Chapter any dues with respect to companions of at least thirty years continuous good standing in this or any other recognized jurisdiction or both, and who are exempt from the payment

of dues to their Chapter by virtue of said term of membership; satisfactory proof of such term of membership to be submitted Grand Scribe E. with the Annual returns to Grand Chapter."

Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee on Benevolence beg to report as follows:

We commend the Companions on the amount spent for benevolent purposes in this Grand Jurisdiction during the past year, which is in excess of former years.

Your Committee have given careful consideration to the amendment to Clause 59 of the Constitution, and in connection therewith beg to recommend as follows:

That the incoming Grand First Principal appoint a committee of three to be known as the "Benevolent Fund Committee" with authority to expend any sum not exceeding the amount paid annually to Grand Chapter for benevolent purposes, as provided in Clause 59 of the Constitution.

Should the committee appointed as provided in the preceding clause require further funds for benevolent purposes, it must first secure the approval of the Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM M. McNAB, *Chairman*
JAMES A. McGHEE,
WILLIAM S. CAMERON,
CHARLES H. MINCHIN.

On motion of R. E. Companion James A. McGhee, seconded by R. E. Companion Charles H. Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to make a final report on the attendance at this Convocation.

Twenty-six chartered Chapters are represented by seventy delegates, these being composed of thirty-six Past Principals, sixteen Past Principals as proxies, ten Principals, three Second Principals, five Third Principals, having a total of one hundred and thirty votes.

Two chartered Chapters are without representation.

Details of voting privileges follow.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM C. BLACK,
WILLIAM S. CAMERON.

No.	Chapter	Z.	H.	J.	P.Z.	Proxy	Total votes
1	Alberta.....	0	0	0	4	1	8
2	North Star.....	1	0	0	3	0	6
3	Assiniboia.....	1	0	0	0	0	3
4	Shekinah.....	0	0	0	0	1	4
5	Golden West.....	0	0	0	0	1	4
6	Mount Horeb.....	0	0	0	1	1	5
7	Bekah.....	0	0	0	1	1	5
8	Kether.....	0	0	0	0	1	3
9	Otuskwan.....	1	0	0	4	0	7
10	Bow Valley.....	0	0	0	0	1	3
11	Calgary.....	1	0	0	3	0	6
12	Keystone.....	0	0	0	2	1	6
13	Capital City.....	1	1	1	3	0	6
14	Vermilion.....	1	1	1	4	0	7
15	Hillvue.....	0	0	0	0	1	4
16	Tau Cross.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Mount Olivet.....	1	0	1	1	0	4
18	Norwood.....	0	0	1	2	0	5
19	Hiram.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Banff.....	0	0	0	1	1	5
21	Strathmore.....	0	0	0	0	1	3
22	Joseph Stauffer.....	0	0	0	0	1	4
23	Coronation.....	0	0	0	0	1	4
24	Crescent.....	1	0	0	3	0	6
25	Strathcona.....	1	1	1	4	0	7
26	Harmony.....	0	0	0	0	1	4
27	Eheyeh.....	0	0	0	0	1	4
28	Hanna.....	0	0	0	0	1	4
29	David Thompson and.....	1	0	0	0	0	3
30	Edson, chartered at this Convocation.....						

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On motion of R. E. Companion William C. Black, seconded by R. E. Companion William S. Cameron, it was

RESOLVED, That the Final Report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

REARRANGING DISTRICTS

On motion of R. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, it was

RESOLVED, That R. E. Companions Raymond H. Norton, H. Sandilands and William S. Cameron be appointed a committee to re-arrange the boundaries of districts numbers one and two, and to report back before the closing of this Grand Chapter Convocation.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee beg to report that we have read carefully the reports of the five Superintendents, and, with great satisfaction note

that they have fulfilled their duties faithfully. We are much pleased to see that the Grand First Principal visited all Chapters. Only one Chapter was not visited by a Superintendent but it received two visits from the Grand First Principal and one from the Grand Third Principal. There are only two Chapters that do not appear to be up to the standard, but there is promise of better conditions for one of them.

We observe that harmony prevails; that increased interest in the Chapters is manifested; that a marked improvement is shown in conferring the new "Work" and that the Chapters are having large attendance, due largely to the intervisitation of one with the other. Although the net increase is small, the Grand First Principal says the quality of the new Companions appears to be good. Like most Grand Jurisdictions, N.P.D. is taking a heavy toll.

All but one Superintendent reports in an optimistic strain, and the Superintendent of District No. 5 is greatly pleased with conditions in that District. It has been pointed out that in many instances companions living several miles from Chapter are more regular in attendance than those right in town.

The small Chapters appreciate the visits of Grand Officers, so therefore we would suggest that in the interests of the Chapters, the Grand First Principal and the Grand Superintendents make their official visits at different times, and not together. It is the duty of the Superintendent to accompany the Grand First Principal if convenient, but not in his official capacity.

We again commend the many benefits to be received from, and the good fellowship engendered by, the intervisitation of Chapters; also, the conferring of degrees by visiting Chapters, which promotes a keen interest both to the home members who see the ceremony performed by others, and to the visitors, who strive to do their best so as to bring credit to themselves and their Chapters.

The District Chapters of Instruction are growing in favor and have now become an important part of Grand Chapter proceedings. So long as they function as at present we cannot do without them. We note with regret that one was not the success that it might have been. Next to Grand Convocation they create added interest in degree work; encourage a better rendition of the "Work"; promote a fuller knowledge in Capitular matters; make for more and deeper friendship and, consequently, a greater love for Masonic affairs.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWIN G. IRONSDIE,
Chairman.

SAMUEL H. MIDDLETON,
JOHN W. G. MORRISON,
JAMES A. McGHEE.

On motion of M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, seconded by M. E. Companion William M. McNab, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

We pause in our work in the strenuous routine of life while we pay tribute to the dead whose names will appear in the proceedings upon the records of the dead. Every year takes its toll of our members. Here, and there, now and then our Companions are dropping out of the ranks. The gaps thus made are quickly closed, and the onward movement of the survivors continues.

We all know that "man that is born of woman, is full of days and full of trouble. He cometh forth as a flower and is cut down. He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not."

These changes come so gradually and replacements and reparations are so quickly made, that we are prone to lose a realizing sense of the losses we have sustained.

It becomes our solemn duty at this time to speak of one of our Companions who has left us within the past year, though he has not been active as a member in recent years, yet he served his country well. Companion The Hon. Dr. R. G. Brett, Past Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Alberta, and for some years a member of the Territorial Assembly, was also an Hon. Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M. He departed this life at the Town of Banff, during the past year, leaving behind him a deep love and affection in the hearts of his fellow citizens of this Province.

Companion Brett was a useful citizen. He was a Christian Gentleman, a Just and Upright Mason. What more can any man be on earth? His mission with us was ended, His work was done. His race was run. His Crown was won.

"Polished Slab, or Granite Solemn
May heroic deeds enroll,
But the only 'during column,
Rises quarried from the soul.

Marble words alone can never
Immortality impart;
But love's record lives forever
Deeply sculptured on the heart."

The eyes of many have been filled with tears for their departed loved ones, and our souls have been filled with admiration for those dear Companions whom we look upon as "not lost, but only gone before."

May the memory of the virtuous deeds of our Departed Companions remain with us, and reflect with shining lustre beyond the darkness of the grave, and when we shall receive the final summons to enter into eternal rest, may the fulfillment of our sacred duties, unsullied honor, and illustrious record as men and Masons be our proudest monument.

In the bonds of sympathy and love we commend the homes and hearts bereaved to Him who is the God of all Consolation, and may their unselfish devotion and service furnish us an example that we shall hold and cherish in choicest gratitude.

"In the Bright Eternal City
 Death can never, never come,
 In His own good time, He'll call us
 From our rest, to Home, Sweet Home."

We dedicate this hour to the memory of our Masonic Dead. It is not fitting that we should attempt to add by eulogy to the lustre of their memory. Those who loved and knew them best have paid them every proper tribute, and made record of their virtues. It remains for us here to erect a monument in our hearts to their memory, and to recall their graces, that we may dedicate ourselves to the completion of those human tasks they left unfinished, to the protection of the ideals they cherished, and to the fulfilment of the destiny they followed in Masonic Faith.

"Doth Masonry admonish, counsel, call
 To recognize the overrule of God.
 Be true to right, do justice unto all,
 And trust Him as we pass beneath the rod."

It is our duty and our sadness to record the loss during the past year of thirty-two Companions of our own Grand Chapter of whom several were Past Grand Officers.

We would also record the loss sustained by Sister Grand Chapters in the passing of thirty of their Grand Officers, and Past Grand Officers, most of whom were Past Grand High Priests.

In connection with the loss sustained by Sister Grand Chapters, we would especially mention that of our own Mother Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario, in the passing of their Grand Scribe E., R. E. Companion Henry T. Smith. We realize the great loss that Canada has suffered in the death of this very capable and worthy Companion, and we extend to them our deepest sympathy.

Your Committee beg to recommend that suitable memorial pages be placed in our Proceedings, recording the loss which we have sustained.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE B. MCLEOD
Chairman.
 MELVIN M. DOWNEY
 WILLIAM C. BLACK
 GEORGE W. ELLIOTT,
 H. SANDILANDS,
 RAYMOND T. NORTON.

On motion of M. E. Companion William T. Coote, seconded by R. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION

Alberta, No. 1..... Alfred James Bingham, Robert G. Brett,
Jacob Diamond, William John Shipley.

North Star, No. 2..... Frederick G. Forster, William J. Webster.

Assiniboia, No. 3..... Robert A. Wright.

Golden West, No. 5..... William A. Sim, William J. Noble.

Mount Horeb, No. 6..... Alfred R. Duncan.

Bekah, No. 7..... Chester A. Arthur, James Boyd Sutherland

Calgary, No. 11..... William J. Buckle.

Keystone, No. 12..... Louis H. King.

Capital City, No. 13..... William Gibbs, Walter G. Lowery.

Vermilion, No. 14..... Dalton B. Hart, John J. Eades, Arthur W. Ebbett.

Norwood, No. 18..... George W. Potter, William Neale, Elmore R. Harmon.

Banff, No. 20..... Robert G. Brett, Ernest Roots.

Joseph Stauffer, No. 22 ..Archibald McLean.

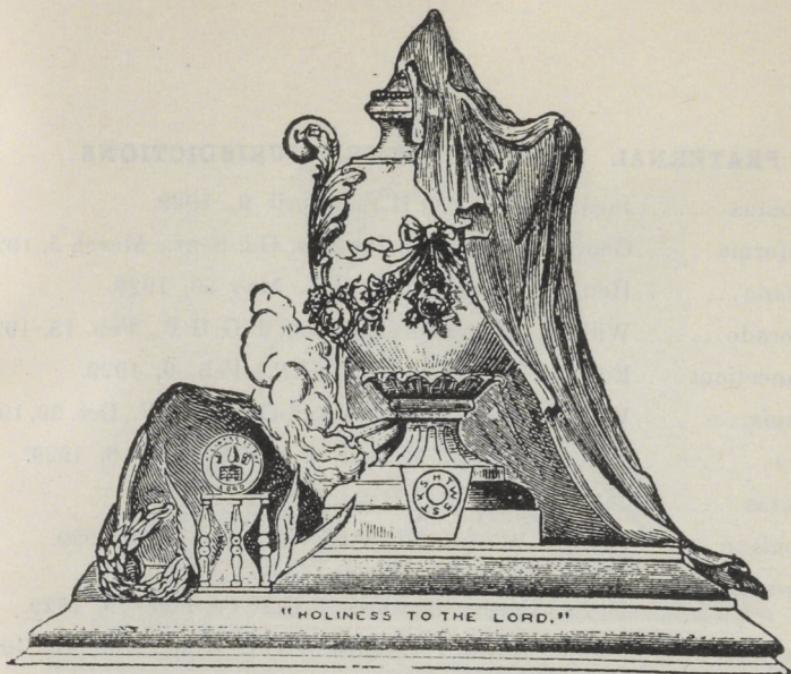
Coronation, No. 23..... Thomas Corbett, George A. Short.

Crescent, No. 24..... George C. Crawford.

Harmony, No. 26..... Robert Stanley S. Wight, Joseph H. Brewer.

David Thompson, U.D... David Oliver Watkins.

Edson, U.D..... William R. Hare.

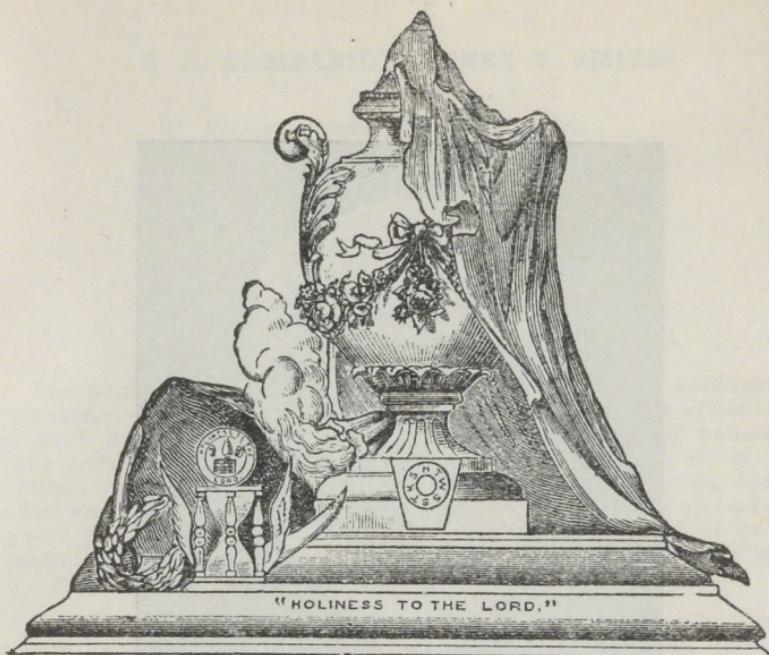


In Memory
OF THE
Companions of Our Own
Jurisdiction
FOR THE YEAR 1929

*God calls our loved ones, but we lose not wholly
 What He hath given;
 They live on earth, in thought and deed, as truly
 As in His heaven.*

FRATERNAL DEAD OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Alabama.....	Jacob Bley, P.G.H.P., April 9, 1929.
California.....	George Washington Perkins, Gd. Sent., March 5, 1929.
Canada.....	Henry T. Smith, Gd. S.E., May 29, 1929.
Colorado.....	William Armstead Campbell, P.G.H.P., Feb. 15, 1929.
Connecticut....	Edward W. Avery, P.G.H.P., Feb. 9, 1929.
Illinois.....	William Freeman Lockwood, G.M. 2nd V., Oct. 29, 1929
Iowa.....	Arthur Dayton Meeker, P.G.H.P., July 6, 1929.
Kansas.....	John Powers, P.G.H.P., March 31, 1929.
Michigan.....	George W. Leedle, P.G.H.P., Sept. 17, 1929.
Mississippi.....	Austin Dhu Bailey, P.G.H.P., July 16, 1929. Harry Turner Howard, P.G.H.P., Feb. 19, 1929.
Missouri.....	Joseph Edward Davidson, Gd. King, Apr. 10, 1929.
Montana.....	George Thomas Slack, P.G.H.P., August 4, 1929. Squire Chase Kenyon, P.G.H.P., Feb. 13, 1929.
New Jersey....	Joseph Mason, P.G.H.P., Sept. 4, 1929 James Sparks Wares, P.G.H.P., Aug. 26, 1929. William Hires Crosscup, P.G.H.P., Feb. 20, 1929.
New York.....	Jay Butler Kline, P.G.H.P., Dec. 12, 1929 Rollin M. Morgan, P.G.H.P., Mar. 5, 1930.
Nova Scotia....	Pius J. S. Otto, P.G.H.P., June 17, 1929. Edward Turner Carbonell, P.G.H.P., July 12, 1929.
Ohio.....	Levi Crafton Goodale, P.G.H.P., Sept. 26, 1929.
South Dakota..	Robert C. Sedam, P.G.H.P., Sept. 7, 1929.
Tennessee.....	Charles Henry Byrn, P.G.H.P., Dec. 24, 1929.
Virginia.....	James Gustavus Hankins, Gd. Sect., Sept. 11, 1929.
West Virginia ..	Samuel Nathaniel Myers, P.G.H.P., Dec. 31, 1929.
Wisconsin.....	Thomas R. Mundy, P.G.H.P., Dec. 9, 1929. Samuel Wright, P.G.H.P., July 25, 1929. William Watson Perry, Gd. Sec. E., Sept. 13, 1929.
Wyoming.....	Samuel Dickey, Gd. Treas., Dec. 17, 1928.



In Memory
OF THE
Deceased Companions of
Sister Jurisdictions
FOR THE YEAR 1929

Short death and darkness! Endless life and light.

*Short dimming; endless shining in yon sphere,
 Where all is incorruptible and pure—*

The joy without the pain, the smile without the tear.



THE LATE R. E. COMPANION HENRY T. SMITH
Grand Scribe E.
Grand Chapter of Canada
1916-1929.

R. E. COMPANION HENRY T. SMITH

*"O Father! Grant Thy love divine
To make these mystic temples Thine!
When wasting age and wearying strife
Have sapped the leaning walls of life,
When darkness gathers over all
And the last tottering pillars fall,
Take the poor dust Thy mercy warms
And mould it into Heavenly forms."*

The pages of history teem with the records of the achievements of mankind—the scholar, the statesman, the soldier, the artist—those who have by the splendor of their abilities placed their names high on the roll of fame. There are millions of lives, however, of which no public record is ever kept—clean, healthy, honest lives, spent in the firm endeavour to do right and help in the development and advancement of mankind. Who can say that such lives are not of as much importance to the race at large as those of the bolder and more aggressive whose names have been handed down to posterity?

We read with feelings of admiration and pleasurable excitement the tales of the heroes of old, forgetting that there is an open book before us wherein we can read the daily lives of men who are as much heroes in the true sense of the word as those who conquered by force of arms. For in this world of trials and temptations it is something for a man in a public, semi-public or business career to have lived an honest life, and dying, leave behind him the imperishable record "Well done."

We, therefore, pause for a time in the midst of the busy affairs that beset us, to place on record a tribute to the memory of one of Masonry's most capable and cherished exponents, our friend and brother R. Ex. Companion Henry Thomas Smith, late Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada. To those who knew him more intimately, piercing the outer shell and peering within, the fraternal motives could be discerned that prompted his many kindly acts, that urged him to delve deeply into the sublime mysteries of our ancient Craft, turn his ears to the troubles and difficulties of others, and extend to the distressed whatever relief, justice and charity might suggest. He was helpful to his brethren. He was tolerant, yet not slow to correct kindly the less informed. Masonry was to him Life, and Life was Masonry.

Companion Smith possessed a rare fund of Masonic knowledge from which any brother seeking information was freely informed and the Craft in Canada, and more or less throughout the world, suffers a distinct loss in his demise.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg to report that nothing has occurred during the past year to mar the happy fraternal relation existing between this Grand Chapter and all other recognized Sister Jurisdictions.

A large number of the Proceedings received from Sister Jurisdictions have been reviewed, and we would ask leave that the same be published as an appendix to the Annual Report of this year's Proceedings of Grand Chapter.

No correspondence has been received by this Grand Chapter requiring action or a report from this Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWIN G. IRONSIDE,
Acting Chairman.

MELVIN M. DOWNEY.

On motion of M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, seconded by M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REDISTRIBUTION OF DISTRICTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee recommend that District No. 1 be sub-divided and that District No. 1 be composed of North Star Chapter No. 2, Strathcona Chapter No. 25, Vermilion Chapter No. 14, Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6 and Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17.

That Capital City Chapter No. 13, Norwood Chapter No. 18, David Thompson Chapter No. 29 and Edson Chapter No. 30 be known as District No. 6.

This committee recommend that the Executive Committee go thoroughly into the matter of distribution of Districts before next Grand Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

RAYMOND H. NORTON,
Chairman.

H. SANDILANDS,

WILLIAM S. CAMERON.

On motion of R. E. Companion Raymond H. Norton, seconded by R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Special Committee on Redistribution of Districts be received and adopted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

On motion of M. E. Companion James R. Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, it was

RESOLVED, That a suit of Grand Superintendent's regalia be procured by Grand Scribe E. for District No. 6.

On motion of R. E. Companion James A. McGhee, seconded by M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, it was

RESOLVED, That all copies of work required by Past First Principals be procured through the Scribe E. of their respective Chapters when so authorized.

On motion of R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, seconded by R. E. Companion William C. Black, it was

RESOLVED, That the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) be paid the Grand Tyler for his services during this Convocation.

On motion of V. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, seconded by E. Companion Leonard G. Dunaway, it was

RESOLVED, That the Visiting Companions at this Grand Convocation, express their hearty appreciation to the Edmonton Companions for the excellent entertainment provided them at the Social Evening on March 19th.

On motion of R. E. Companion George A. Rounce, seconded by R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, it was

RESOLVED, That Grand Chapter donate the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) to the Edmonton Companions to partially defray the expense of entertaining the visiting delegates.

On motion of R. E. Companion Charles H. Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion George A. Rounce, it was

RESOLVED, That this Grand Chapter purchase an apron and sash for our retiring Grand First Principal.

On motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, it was

RESOLVED, That the request from Districts Nos. 3 and 4 for a donation to the expenses of the District Meeting in those districts be tabled.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The time for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the Most Excellent Grand First Principal appointed M. E. Companions Edwin G. Ironside and William M. McNab, and R. E. Companion Mark B. Peacock scrutineers of the ballot, and the following were declared elected:

Grand First Principal..... M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison,
No. 14, Vermilion.

Grand Second Principal..... R. E. Companion James A. McGhee,
No. 22, Didsbury.

Grand Third Principal..... R. E. Companion Joseph V. Folett,
No. 9, Calgary.

Grand Scribe E. (Secretary) .. R. E. Companion Clifford R. Wentzel,
No. 11, Calgary.

Grand Scribe N..... R. E. Companion Matthew Robbins,
No. 2, Edmonton.

Grand Principal Sojourner... R. E. Companion Archie West, No. 2,
Edmonton.

Grand Treasurer..... R. E. Companion William C. Black
No. 11, Calgary.

Grand Registrar..... R. E. Companion Albert E. Portman
No. 1, Calgary.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS

Grand Chapter was then called off to enable the Districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

On Grand Chapter resuming labor, the following nominations for District Superintendents were submitted to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, who was pleased to approve in each case, and the selection was confirmed:—

Grand Supt. Dist. No. 1..... R. E. Companion Archibald B. McCurdy,
No. 2, Edmonton.

Grand Supt. Dist. No. 2..... R. E. Companion John G. Odell, No. 28,
Hanna.

Grand Supt. Dist. No. 3..... R. E. Companion George A. Rounce,
No. 24, Calgary.

Grand Supt. Dist. No. 4..... R. E. Companion George H. Travis,
No. 26, Bassano.

Grand Supt. Dist. No. 5..... R. E. Companion Robert E. Donkin,
No. 15, Hillcrest.

Grand Supt. Dist. No. 6..... R. E. Companion Frederick J. Summerill,
No. 13, Edmonton.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. E. Companion Charles Harry Minchin..... No. 1, Calgary.

R. E. Companion George W. Elliott..... No. 2, Edmonton.

R. E. Companion William B. Way..... No. 5, High River

R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson..... No. 24, Calgary.

R. E. Companion Arthur N. Saddington..... No. 20, Banff.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

Nominations having been received, a ballot was taken and resulted in the City of Calgary being selected as the place of meeting for the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter on the 18th day of March, 1931, and it was so declared.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 12:45 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Chapter resumed labor at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

M. E. Companion James R. Flan, having appointed M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside as Grand Second Principal, M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton as Grand Third Principal and M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey as Grand Director of Ceremonies for the installation of Grand Officers elect, proceeded with that ceremony, when they were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL EXPRESSES THANKS

The newly installed Grand First Principal thanked the companions for the honor bestowed upon him. He said it would be difficult to live up to the record of those who had preceded him in that high office. They brought to Capitular Masonry ripeness of thought and judgment which he could only seek to emulate and in doing so would ask for the co-operation of the Chapters. It might not be possible for him to visit all the Chapters during his term of office, in view of his being situated in an out-of-the-way corner of our jurisdiction, but he would do his best. In the meantime it would be his purpose to so promote the spirit of Capitular Masonry that the good work promoted by his predecessors would not be permitted to diminish.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL

The following officers were appointed by the Grand First Principal, and the Special Committees named in accordance with resolutions passed:

Grand Senior Sojourner.....	V.E. Comp. W Hudson Scott	No. 14, Vermilion
Grand Junior Sojourner.....	V.E. Comp. Frederick J. Hand.....	No. 1, Calgary
Grand Lecturer.....	R.E. Comp. C. A. MacPherson ..	No. 24, Calgary
Grand Sword Bearer.....	V.E. Comp. Alfred Russell.....	No. 18, Edmonton
Grand Master 1st Veil.....	V.E. Comp. Alexander Riddick.....	No. 13, Edmonton
Grand Master 2nd Veil	V.E. Comp. William V. Price.....	No. 7, Macleod
Grand Master 3rd Veil.....	V.E. Comp. Leland W. Walkey.....	No. 8, Pincher Creek
Grand Master 4th Veil.....	V.E. Comp. Frank W. Keyte.....	No. 24, Calgary
Grand Dir. Ceremonies	V.E. Comp. Peter A Moncrieff	No. 9, Calgary
Grand Organist.....	R.E. Comp. Frederick B. Cooper.....	No. 1, Calgary
Grand Pursuivant.....	V.E. Comp. Orrie W. Harris	No. 11, Calgary
Grand Steward.....	V.E. Comp. Alexander G. Scott	No. 26, Bassano
Grand Steward.....	V.E. Comp. William E. G. Anderson ..	No. 27, Drumheller
Grand Steward.....	V.E. Comp. James H. Smith.....	No. 4, Lethbridge
Grand Steward.....	V.E. Comp. George Plasteras.....	No. 25, Edmonton
Grand Tyler.....	Comp. Septimus H. Davies.....	No. 11, Calgary

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Trustees of Benevolent Fund.—M.E. Companions James R. Flan, S. H. Middleton and W. T. Coote.

Committee on Revision of Constitution.—M. E. Companions James R. Flan, Melvin M. Downey, Norman T. Macleod, R.E. Companions Thomas Rankine, James A. McGhee and Clifford R. Wentzel.

Committee on Work.—M.E. Companions Samuel H. Middleton and James R. Flan, R.E. Companions Cyril A. MacPherson and Clifford R. Wentzel.

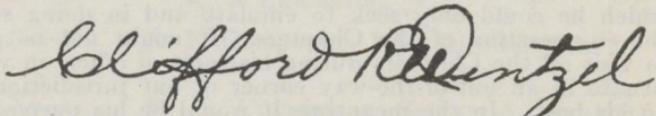
Committee on Revision of By-Laws.—M.E. Companion William T. Coote, R.E. Companions Joseph V. Follett, H. Sandilands and R. W. Manley.

Library Committee.—M.E. Companions Frederick S. Selwood and Edwin G. Ironside, R.E. Companion Clifford R. Wentzel.

Committee to Compile Decisions of Grand Chapter.—M.E. Companions George B. McLeod, Edwin G. Ironside and William M. McNab, R.E. Companion Archibald B. McCurdy.

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

The labors of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM at 3:15 o'clock p.m.



Grand Scribe E.



GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION, 29th MAY, 1914

Grand Officers	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919
Grand Z.	S. Y. Taylor	J. N. Rankin	F. S. Watson	Robert Patterson	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey
Grand H.	F. S. Watson	F. S. Watson	R. Patterson	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey	N. T. Macleod
Grand J.	T. C. Bruce	T. C. Bruce	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey	N. T. Macleod	H. Darling
Grand Scribe E.	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson
Grand Scribe N.	A. R. Yates	A. R. Dickson	E. D. H. Wilkins	Geo. D. Stanley	P. J. Dewie	E. C. Dunlop
Grand Prin. Soj.	E. D. H. Wilkins	E. D. H. Wilkins	A. R. Yates	N. T. Macleod	W. T. Coote	W. A. Mahaffy
Grand Treasurer	A. W. R. Markley					
Grand Registrar	A. West	A. West	V. A. Bowes	E. D. H. Wilkins	D. W. McMillan	Jesse Elliott
Grand Senior Soj.	T. Rankine	D. W. McMillan	W. A. Mahaffy	Geo. W. Elliott	W. J. Stephenson	
Grand Junior Soj.	A. H. Spurr	W. A. Mahaffy	D. I. Murison	David McIntosh	J. A. R. Powell	J. J. Green
Grand Lecturer	J. H. Argue					
Grand Sword Bearer	G. B. McLeod	G. B. McLeod	G. D. Wallace	W. F. W. Lent	R. D. Robertson	R. H. Struthers
Grand M. 1st Veil	H. I. Miller	H. G. Hoare	A. N. Lindsay	William T. Coote	J. Dan McDonald	G. E. Cruckshank
Grand M. 2nd Veil	G. T. Bragg	T. H. Irvine	D. McKenzie	R. Powell	D. Thompson	Harvey Brock
Grand M. 3rd Veil	C. E. Macdonald	D. G. Campbell	R. C. MacDonald	Thos. Burnett	H. B. Jamieson	S. T. Fawcett
Grand M. 4th Veil	W. E. Lord	James Walker	E. E. Farley	J. A. MacDonald	A. W. Rosborough	D. McLean
Grand D. of C.	J. M. Empsey	A. R. Yates	James Walker	F. S. Selwood	Geo. Simpson	M. B. Peacock
Grand Organist	G. J. Davis	F. B. Cooper	Peter Walker	J. E. Hodgson	F. B. Cooper	W. A. Ackland
Grand Pursuivant	E. E. Farley	E. E. Farley	H. H. Fletcher	Joseph Longdon	Geo. Campbell	D. A. Taylor
Grand Steward	Geo. McManus	F. R. Jeffs	W. E. Mercer	S. M. Fraser	F. S. Macpherson	A. N. Saddington
Grand Steward	W. A. Mahaffy	Gaius Allen	D. W. McMillan	G. E. Hayward	A. Hay	H. Macpherson
Grand Steward	G. I. Chesney	D. I. Murison	Gaius Allen	J. A. Neff	R. C. MacDonald	W. J. Haynes
Grand Steward	J. S. Lambert	G. J. Davis	G. J. Davis	William Thompson	S. M. Fraser	H. D. McMillan
Grand Tyler	Harvey Brock	R. C. Bruce	J. L. Johnston	Thos. Baird	Wm. Burus	S. H. Davies

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION (Continued)

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924
Grand Officers					
Grand Z.	N. T. Macleod	H. Darling	G. B. McLeod	W. T. Coote	J. E. Johnson
Grand H.	H. Darling	G. B. McLeod	W. T. Coote	J. E. Johnson	S. H. Middleton
Grand J.	W. T. Coote	W. T. Coote	J. E. Johnson	S. H. Middleton	E. C. Dunlop
Grand Scribe E.	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson	E. G. Ironside	E. G. Ironside	E. G. Ironside
Grand Scribe N.	D. McIntosh	Jas. R. Flan	Jas. A. McGhee	J. W. Stephenson	D. S. Bareham
Grand Prin. Soj.	Geo. B. McLeod	Jas. A. McGhee	R. G. Thomson	G. E. Cruckshank	W. C. Marsh
Grand Treasurer	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher
Grand Registrar	Jos. G. Morris	G. F. Butler	R. C. Rankin	W. J. Haynes	G. W. Elliott
Grand Senior Soj.	W. C. Black	R. G. Thomson	Robt. Evans	C. R. Wentzel	R. S. Davis
Grand Junior Soj.	J. E. Rannard	Alex. McKee	A. G. Finch	James Cleave	W. G. Evans
Grand Lecturer	M. M. Downey	S. F. Patterson	E. C. Dunlop	E. C. Dunlop	N. T. Macleod
Grand Sword Bearer	W. D. Graham	J. W. G. Morrison	A. D. Campbell	Joseph Brown	J. S. Lambert
Grand M. 1st Veil	R. W. Manley	W. E. M. Holmes	J. W. G. Morrison	F. J. Folinsbee	C. A. MacPherson
Grand M. 2nd Veil	D. C. McKenzie	A. C. Sloane	D. S. Bareham	R. S. Davis	F. B. Watson
Grand M. 3rd Veil	R. L. McIlveen	D. C. McDougall	P. R. Campbell	C. W. Coppock	J. W. Oakes
Grand M. 4th Veil	J. B. Sutherland	E. C. Locke	Peter Maclean	C. H. Russell	E. G. Lamb
Grand D. of C.	J. H. Green	E. M. Cawker	J. W. Oakes	W. G. Evans	J. H. McNeill
Grand Organist	W. A. Ackland	W. A. Ackland	F. B. Cooper	F. B. Cooper	W. A. Ackland
Grand Pursuivant	J. R. Flan	E. G. Lamb	A. G. Aldridge	P. D. Stone	Peter Maclean
Grand Steward	G. F. Butler	Alex. H. Duff	F. A. McEwan	Geo. Pattinson	L. S. Crosby
Grand Steward	M. M. Steele	R. P. Umbrite	H. C. Ritchie	H. H. Humber	Robt. Crichton
Grand Steward	H. O. Haslam	C. W. McKinnon	H. W. B. Bell	W. A. Fallow	W. B. Way
Grand Steward	Oliver Cowin	R. C. Rankin	W. D. King	W. E. M. Holmes	Robt. Taylor
Grand Tyler	J. J. Green	S. H. Davies	J. L. Johnston	S. H. Davies	S. H. Davies

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION (Continued)

Grand Officers	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930
Grand Z.	S. H. Middleton	E. G. Ironside	Wm. M. McNab	Frederick S. Selwood	James R. Flan	John W. G. Morrison
Grand H.	E. G. Ironside	Wm. M. McNab	F. S. Selwood	James R. Flan	John W. G. Morrison	James A. McGhee
Grand J.	Wm. M. McNab	F. S. Selwood	Jas. R. Flan	J. W. G. Morrison	James A. McGhee	Joseph V. Follett
Grand Scribe E.	C. R. Wentzel	C. R. Wentzel	C. R. Wentzel	C. R. Wentzel	C. R. Wentzel	C. R. Wentzel
Grand Scribe N.	J. F. Casteel	D. W. Cotton	James Cleave	James B. Griffith	V. W. Wright	Matthew Robbins
Grand Prin. Soj.	W. J. Stephenson	Ernest Ward	J. W. G. Morrison	Francis V. Truesdale	Chas. H. Minchin	Archie West
Grand Treasurer	H. H. Fletcher	Wm. C. Black	Wm. C. Black	William C. Black	William C. Black	William C. Black
Grand Registrar	H. Stainsleigh	Geo. D. Wallace	D. W. Cotton	George H. Travis	A. B. McCurdy	Albert E. Portman
Grand Senior Soj.	J. S. McHardy	H. C. Neal	Phillisk Pidgeon	R. H. Norton	George A. Rounce	W. Hudson Scott
Grand Junior Soj.	Geo. W. Potter	Wm. H. Andrews	Thomas W. Bull	Percy Cull	F. J. Summerill	Frederick J. Hand
Grand Lecturer	Jas. R. Flan	Jas. R. Flan	Chester A. Arthur	Cyril A. MacPherson	C. A. MacPherson	
Grand Sword Bearer	T. Ridpath	F. W. Tye	Ralph P. Umbrite	James Rennie	James R. Donaldson	Alfred Russell
Grand M. 1st Veil	G. Pattinson	John Selkirk	Herbert P. Long	Alfred Brusso	Nathaniel M. Connor	Alexander Riddick
Grand M. 2nd Veil	John Taylor	F. M. Dillon	Clare C. Hartman	Frank Booth	Edward H. Mack	William V. Price
Grand M. 3rd Veil	W. W. Pratt	W. G. Niblock	George H. Travis	John B. Boese	John G. Odell	Ieland W. Walkley
Grand M. 4th Veil	H. H. Humber	W. B. Way	James Rennie	William E. Ward	Harold Henderson	Frank W. Keyte
Grand D. of C.	C. W. E. Gardner	Chas. Comba	Joseph V. Follett	Charles H. Minchin	Walter H. Smith	Peter A. Moncrief
Grand Organist	W. A. Ackland	W. A. Ackland	Fred N. Morris	William A. Ackland	Frederick B. Cooper	Frederick B. Cooper
Grand Pursuivant	James Hughes	Jas. Hughes	Albert E. Wynne	William J. Noble	John H. Richardson	Orrie W. Harris
Grand Steward	H. C. Neal	G. E. Long	Frank Milne	John Arthur	James McDougal	Alexander G. Scott
Grand Steward	H. G. Morris	J. B. McKerrow	Vernon W. Parrish	George L. Gothard	Henry G. Smith	Wm. E. G. Anderson
Grand Steward	John Duff	J. T. Cumberland	Donald McLean	Thos. A. Montgomery	Arthur Robinson	James H. Smith
Grand Steward	Geo. W. Wright	W. H. Williams	William Baxter	Wesley T. Haynes	Ross A. Van Slyke	George Plasteras
Grand Tyler	S. H. Davies	S. H. Davies	J. L. Johnston	S. H. Davies	J. L. Johnston	Septimus H. Davies

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS SINCE ORGANIZATION, 29th MAY, 1914

District No. 1	District No. 2	District No. 3	District No. 4	District No. 5	District No. 6
1914 Andrew R. Dickson.....	Thomas Frederick English.....	Robert Patterson.....			
1915 Henry I. Millar.....	Thomas Rankine.....	Robert Patterson.....			
1916 Hiram Darling.....	John Edgar Johnson.....				
1917 Daniel R. Cameron.....	William E. Lord.....	Charles W. Cook.....			
1918 J. A. Neff.....	Frederick S. Selwood.....	John F. Casteele.....			
1919 William J. Seed.....	Walter E. Mercer.....	William H. Doty.....			
1920 Robert C. Macdonald.....	William J. Stephenson.....	Mark B. Peacock.....	Thomas W. Bates.....		
1921 George S. Armstrong.....	William J. Haynes.....	Robert L. McIlveen.....	Oliver J. Cowin.....	John D. McDonald.....	
1922 John J. Green.....	George D. Wallace.....	William C. Black.....	James R. F an.....	James E. Rannard.....	
1923 William M. McNab.....	Enos Charles Locke.....	Robert C. Rankin.....	Harold W. B. Bell.....	Harry O. Haslam.....	
1924 John W. G. Morrison.....	George H. Best.....	William E. M. Holmes.....	Frederick B. Cooper.....	Arthur G. Finch.....	
1925 George W. Elliott.....	Alexander M. McKee.....	Cyril A. MacPherson.....	James Cleave.....	Duncan C. McDougall.....	
1926 George W. Potter.....	William H. Hiscocks.....	Hugh Stansleigh.....	Alexander Carr.....	Chester A. Arthur.....	
1927 H. Sandilands.....	Robert Taylor.....	Hugh C. Ritchie.....		George Pattinson.....	
1928 Roy M. Lambertson.....	Cuthbert Fowler.....	David J. Garnes.....	Orlando G. Craig.....	Thomas J. Cumberland ..	
1929 Raymond H. Norton.....	William S. Cameron.....	William B. Way.....	Charles Omiba.....	Percy Cull.....	
1930 Archibald B. McCurdy.....	John G. Odell.....	George A. Rounce.....	George H. Travis.....	Robert E. Donkin.....	Frederick J. Summerill

CHAPTERS BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

District No. 1

Grand Superintendent	R. E. Companion Archibald B. McCurdy
No. 2 North Star	Edmonton
No. 6 Mount Horeb	Wetaskiwin
No. 14 Vermilion	Vermilion
No. 17 Mount Olivet	Killam
No. 25 Strathcona	Edmonton

District No. 2

Grand Superintendent	R. E. Companion John G. Odell
No. 19 Hiram	Youngstown
No. 23 Coronation	Coronation
No. 27 Eheyeh	Drumheller
No. 28 Hanna	Hanna

District No. 3

Grand Superintendent	R. E. Companion George A. Rounce
No. 5 Golden West	High River
No. 11 Calgary	Calgary
No. 12 Keystone	Red Deer
No. 20 Banff	Banff
No. 22 Joseph Stauffer	Didsbury
No. 24 Crescent	Calgary

District No. 4

Grand Superintendent	R. E. Companion George H. Travis
No. 1 Alberta	Calgary
No. 9 Otuskwan	Calgary
No. 10 Bow Valley	Gleichen
No. 21 Strathmore	Strathmore
No. 26 Harmony	Bassano

District No. 5

Grand Superintendent	R. E. Companion Robert E. Donkin
No. 3 Assiniboia	Medicine Hat
No. 4 Shekinah	Lethbridge
No. 7 Bekah	Macleod
No. 8 Kether	Pincher Creek
No. 15 Hillvue	Hillcrest
No. 16 Tau Cross	Claresholm

District No. 6

Grand Superintendent	R. E. Companion Frederick J. Summerill
No. 13 Capital City	Edmonton
No. 18 Norwood	Edmonton
No. 29 David Thompson	Jasper
No. 30 Edson	Edson

HONORARY PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

M. E. Companion Joseph F. Yorke	Saskatchewan
M. E. Companion Donald F. Adams	British Columbia
M. E. Companion George F. Burgess	Saskatchewan

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President—R. E. Companion James A. McGhee, Grand H.

M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, Grand Z.

M. E. Companion James N. Rankin	P.G.Z
M. E. Companion Frederick S. Watson	P.G.Z
M. E. Companion Robert Patterson	P.G.Z
M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey	P.G.Z
M. E. Companion Norman T. Macleod	P.G.Z
M. E. Companion George B. McLeod	P.G.Z
M. E. Companion William T. Coote	P.G.Z
M. E. Companion John E. Johnson	P.G.Z
M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton	P.G.Z
M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside	P.G.Z
M. E. Companion William M. McNab	P.G.Z
M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood	P.G.Z
M. E. Companion James R. Flan	P.G.Z
R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett	Grand J.
R. E. Companion Archibald B. McCurdy	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion John G. Odell	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion George A. Rounce	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion George H. Travis	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion Robert E. Donkin	Grand Supt.
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R. E. Companion William B. Way	2 years
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The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Calgary, on the Third Wednesday, being the 18th day of March, 1931.

C. R. WENTZEL,

Grand Scribe E.

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Georgia.....	Zach Arnold.....	Fort Gaines
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Missouri.....	Claude L. Fichthorn.....	Marshall
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North Carolina.....	John F. Casteel.....	High River
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APPENDIX

 REPORT of COMMITTEE on
 FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

FOREWORD

Another year has passed during which the Proceedings of the various Jurisdictions have been reviewed.

All the rulings, recommendations and decisions noted therein are indicative of thoughtfulness and wisdom.

The decrease in membership, in the aggregate mentioned by all reviewers is obviously due to the fact that for almost a decade there was a decided weakness in the policy of admitting brethren to the Chapters who did not measure up to the rule of true Masonic service.

The phenomenal influx without our portals in the immediate post-war days is now but a memory; a normal basis is again established.

The "Joiners"—"erstwhile members of a club"—to whom our teachings made no appeal, failing to attain to the standard of the Capitular sphere, have either taken their demits or have been suspended. Like Noah's dove they are hovering around seeking a resting place more suited to their ideas of fellowship. Those remaining are a decided asset and are fast proving their worth by developing a desire for further research and endeavour.

This review therefore goes forth clearly attuned to the responsibilities implied, realizing

"That round us, each with different powers,
 And other forms of life than ours,
 What know we greater than the soul?
 On God and Godlike men we build our trust."

S.H.M.

Proceedings received since January 1st, 1929, have
been reviewed as follows:

Alabama	1929	Nevada	1929
Arizona	1929	New Brunswick	1927-1928-1929
Arkansas	1928	New Hampshire	1929
British Columbia	1929	New Jersey	1929
California	1929	New York	1929-1930
Canada	1929	New Zealand	1929
Colorado	1929	North Carolina	1929
Connecticut	1929	North Dakota	1928-1929-1930
Delaware	1929	Nova Scotia	1929
Dist. of Columbia	1928-1929-1930	Ohio	1929
England	1929	Oklahoma	1929
England and Wales, M.M.M.	1929	Oregon	1929
Georgia	1929	Pennsylvania	1929
Idaho	1928-1929	Quebec	1928-1929
Illinois	1929	Queensland	1930
Indiana	1929	Saskatchewan	1928-1929
Iowa	1929	South Carolina	1929
Ireland	1929	South Dakota	1929
Kentucky	1929	Tennessee	1928-1929-1930
Louisiana	1930	Texas	1929
Maine	1929	Utah	1929
Manitoba	1927-1928	Vermont	1929-1930
Massachusetts	1929	Virginia	1929
Minnesota	1929	Washington	1929
Mississippi	1929-1930	West Virginia	1929
Montana	1929	Wisconsin	1927-1928-1929-1930
Nebraska	1929	Wyoming	1929

ALABAMA

The One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama was held in Montgomery, on December 2nd, 1929.

Our Grand Representative, E. Companion Robert E. Howard, was present and was also welcomed as a distinguished visitor, as he held the position of Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama.

The Grand High Priest, Woolsey Finnell, has had both an active business and a military career. He graduated as a civil engineer and has "located and built a large mileage of railroad and constructed railroad and highway bridges practically all over the South, and in some of the Western States." In 1917, he served overseas in the Great War, attaining the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. As head of an engineering corps, he managed the construction of 500 barracks, 86 warehouses, 50 miles of railroad, etc. His Masonic career is no less notable, as he had been Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandry, and is a thirty-third Degree Mason of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

His Address was complete and extensive and gave a full account of an active year, which showed that he carried his executive ability into Grand Chapter affairs. He regrets that, during his year, the membership shows a net loss of over 1000. This is accounted for mainly, "by the most disastrous flood ever known in Alabama, which occurred on March 13th and 14th." Five hundred homes were destroyed and 5000 people made homeless. As Director of Highways, he visited the stricken areas, and assisted in organizing and carrying out relief measures. He issued an "appeal" to Sister Grand Chapters and the contributions amounted to \$6,352.75. In addition to this, other Grand Masonic bodies forwarded nearly \$10,000.00.

He announces the great loss to Grand Chapter by the death of M. E. Companion Jacob Bley.

The Masonic Home for the old as well as the young is one of the great works they help to maintain.

He gives Grand Secretary George A. Beauchamp well-merited praise.

M. E. Companion Frank E. Simmons, of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, having been a member of Cyrus Chapter, No. 6, of Alabama, was made an honorary member of Grand Chapter. (Congratulations, Frank! The writer well remembers when you and he were made honorary life members of Saskatchewan.)

All Past Grand High Priests and the first three officers of Grand Chapter were voted \$250 each, toward expenses of attending the Triennial Convocation of General Grand Chapter at Tacoma, Washington. Choice of three tours is shown, making a wonderful holiday by special train, from August 17th to September 7th.

E. Companion William B. Clemons gives us his first Capitular Review, and it is indeed well written. He knows what to select for quotation and his comments are good. Alberta, 1928, is given generous mention.

80 Chapters. 12,866 members. Net loss, 1,015.

E.G.I.

ARIZONA

The Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona was held at Prescott on February 12th, 1929.

E. Companion Everett H. McEachren, the Grand Representative for Alberta was present.

M. E. Companion Mattison B. Jones, who comes from California, Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter, was a distinguished visitor. Later, he was elected an honorary member of Arizona and was presented with a Grand High Priest's jewel.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion H. D. Aitken's address contained little of interest except to his own companions. He visited each of the twelve Chapters. One of the sad events of his year was the death of M.E. Companion George James Roskruge, who had been

Grand Secretary since Arizona has had a Grand Chapter and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge since its formation in 1882. He had filled every high office of importance in all Masonic bodies in that State.

The Grand High Priest had one decision to make—"That a Chapter might hold a Special Convocation to confer degrees of Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master (but not the Holy Royal Arch) in a town other than the one designated in their charter." Grand Chapter approved. He thinks more Master Masons of Arizona should be Royal Arch Masons, only about one-fifth being companions. The High Priests of the Chapters report a lack of interest, it often being impossible to obtain a quorum. To cope with suspensions for N.P.D. he suggests a Committee on Suspensions "to aid the Secretary in collecting dues"

A new Constitution had been compiled and became law.

One of their regulations states "That all regular business must be confined to stated or regular meetings."

Their finances are in good shape with \$14,000 in bonds.

No Foreign Correspondence Report is made.

12 Chapters. 1,280 members. Net gain, 6.

E.G.I.

ARKANSAS

The Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Arkansas was held in the City of Little Rock on March 6th, 1928.

R. E. Companion W. W. Moore, Deputy Grand High Priest presided in the absence of M. E. Companion L. P. Kemper who was absent on account of illness.

Of the eighty-eight Chapters in this Jurisdiction forty-nine were represented.

An interesting part of the printed Proceedings was a historical sketch of the convention called on April 28th, 1851, to establish the Grand Chapter of Arkansas. As this Grand Body has no official record of the convention, this sketch was printed for preservation of Royal Arch history.

Alberta apparently has no Representative in this Jurisdiction so he could not answer the roll call.

Grand High Priest Kemper requested San Angelo Chapter in Texas to confer all the degrees on a brother. We think that El Dorado Chapter of Arkansas should at least confer the first degree.

The Grand High Priest allowed Joppa Chapter to substitute two in conferring the Royal Arch. This is quite in accord with Alberta practice.

A resolution was moved that Arkansas revert to their former date of holding Grand Chapter, but this was defeated.

The Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite, the Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Commander of the Templars were received with Grand Honors.

The proceedings of Alberta were not reviewed.

W. W. Moore, Grand High Priest.

John C. Bone, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Eleventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia was held in the city of Victoria on July 19th, 1929, and was opened in Ample Form by the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Donald Adams.

Alberta was represented by R. E. Companion Prescott.

The Grand First Principal was ably supported by nine Past Grand First Principals. We regret that our old friend "Charlie" Sherwin was not amongst the members of the "Upper House," but it was gratifying to read that his health is gradually improving in the beneficent climate of California. The Grand High Priest of Washington, R. E. Sullivan, was present and extended greetings from his Grand Chapter. Would that more of these international visits were fostered!

The address of the Grand First Principal is both interesting and instructive above the average. Without any apologies he commenced his address by saying: "We are meeting in one of the most beautiful cities in the world." How truly western is such an introduction, or rather is it American? M. E. Companion Adams is a traveller of no mean order. In addition to visiting each Chapter in the Jurisdiction, the Grand Convocations of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Canada and Washington were also included in his itinerary.

It was a matter of keen regret to the writer to note that the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address failed to concur in his recommendation to adopt the ritual of the Grand Chapter of Canada for use in British Columbia. It is now generally recognized that the ritual mentioned is regarded as one of the finest Masonic works published in recent times. Alberta, in company with several other Grand Jurisdictions, accepted the ritual *in toto*.

The British Columbia conservatism may yet be broken by the vision of Masonic candour and progress.

The Grand Second and Third Principals both submitted an address—merely a recital of visitations. The corresponding officers of this Grand Council do likewise, but we must confess that such always appears to be a work of supererogation.

The report of Grand Scribe E. is very concise. He states that there were more deaths, more demits and more suspensions than last year.

Two Chapters failed to do any work. It is very gratifying to note in this connection that our companions at the Coast are simply following in the general procession, for there are many other jurisdictions who lead by far greater losses.

The Grand Historian read a most versatile report giving the genesis of ten Chapters. The whole report scintillated with the ardour and zeal of the pioneer spirit.

One man travels 1200 miles to constitute a Chapter; another is "advanced to Mark Master and never got any further." Further on we nibble a choice bit which would make the Trades Unionists go on a sympathetic strike: "Immediately after the Chapter was instituted we received applications, ballotted on same and conferred the three degrees straight off. The work, was necessarily fast." It is recorded that the Chapter called off twice for refreshments. Can you wonder that British Columbia is noted for its generous hospitality? The end is not yet: "A companion held the office of Scribe E. 23 years consecutively and was absent only one meeting." Of such stuff are heroes made. An enthusiastic companion living somewhere in British Columbia sent out this S.O.S.: "Can you loan us literature that would enable us to give ten-minute talks?" "Can we get something that would furnish material for short talks on 'The Working Tools,' 'The Sign' and 'The Veils'." That is the organization being vitalized by the Masonic organism.

Last, but not least: The Chapter of which Charlie Sherwin is the father has been kept alive by companions who "have consistently braved snow, bad weather and bad roads to be in attendance at the Convocations of their Chapter."

Hearty congratulations, revered Sir, on presenting a statistical report which is alive with human interest.

The Proceedings of forty-seven Jurisdictions were ably reviewed by Grand Scribe E., John W. Prescott.

Under "Alberta" he rightly commended the Grand First Principal on several important rulings. For lack of copy (apologies if otherwise), he again persists in using most of two pages to quote the "piece de resistance" of the writer. Some day we will endeavour to make an even break.

Number of Chapters, 27. Members, 2,817. Increase, 61.

S.H.M.

CALIFORNIA

The Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Mason of California was held at San Francisco, on April 16th, and 17th, 1929, M. E. Companion David John Reese presiding.

Past Grand High Priest Charles H. King, Alberta's Representative, was present.

The M. E. Grand High Priest welcomed the delegates in a brief but whole-hearted manner. "I want you to feel at home" might be said to be the text of his welcome.

Many distinguished visitors were received with Grand honors.

The annual address of M. E. Companion Reese fills thirty-two pages of closely printed matter, covering the activities of a busy officer who, although seriously ill in the early part of his year, fully made

up subsequently for the loss of time by zealous work. We wish space would permit us to quote largely from his splendid report, but must simply give a few of the outstanding ideas. Here are his words on the past record of his Grand Chapter:

"No Mason, no Companion of this Grand Chapter can contemplate that long and brilliant record without mingled feelings of pride and satisfaction. Never before has our organization been more robust, more highly respected, nor more influential in its appeals than now. For three-quarters of a century Capitular Masonry in California has shown a constant, consistent, conservative growth. Never has it shown spectacular increase in membership, but never has it shown material loss. Men have been eager to march beneath our standards, to subscribe to our doctrines and to give us opportunity to aid in shaping and determining their lives and destinies. We have ever been mindful of the fact, however, that Masonry, Chapter Masonry, cannot be bolstered up by members, that Masonry's proud boast is quality and not quantity.

"The character of our membership is the most important element of our strength, and to its purity, Capitular Masonry in California, has ever applied its effort and its zeal.

"Today as we celebrate our seventy-fifth anniversary, proud of a glorious past, our chief concern is and should be with the future. The heritage of the past is ours, but with the heritage there comes a trust and it must be our endeavor to be faithful to that trust and to carry the standard a little farther forward, to place it on just a little higher plane than it has ever been before."

The true mission of Masonry:

"Have we, as individuals, really realized what the true mission of Masonry is? Have we been zealously concerned in extending its influence and of inculcating its beneficent principles? The answers to these questions, my Companions, are to be found in the minds of individual Masons; they are to be found in the interest we have manifested in helping to carry forward the great purpose which Masonry claims as reasons for its existence; they are to be found in the results which have been accomplished by the different organizations of Masonry, working in harmonious and self-sacrificing brotherhood.

"He is not a Mason who is one outwardly. Royal Arch Masonry does not justify its high repute unless it shows a record of good deeds accomplished. Unless the community in which we live is better and richer because of the truths we teach; unless there is a greater sense of honor, a higher purity in those who have participated in our ceremonies and those with whom we come in contact, we have failed in our mission, and our professions are as tinkling cymbals. The success of Royal Arch Masonry in this Commonwealth, aye in this world, does not depend upon the numbers we initiate, but it does depend upon whether the lessons we communicate to these members, the precepts we publish to the world, are making for better citizens and better citizenship in the communities in which they live."

The Grand High Priest evidently is not enamoured with the Grand Representative system, which, through the carelessness of the appointee, often becomes an empty honor. Here are his views:

"The time has come in my opinion when there must be a change in our Grand Representative system. As it stands today it is in many respects a farce. According to the Committee on Correspondence at least ten jurisdictions have no representative at or near this juris-

dition. California's list seems to be full due to the diligence of our Grand Secretary. But even if it be full, what is accomplished? This Grand Chapter meets here for two days once each year. The time is all too brief for the business of the session. This is supposed to be a business organization and yet in the past, and now, this obsolete and useless system is permitted to take up valuable time of our annual convocation. And to what end? With a few notable exceptions, the Grand Representatives of foreign jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of California have never corresponded with, have never heard from, and know nothing of the Grand Jurisdiction they represent. So far as our Grand Representatives near some other jurisdictions are concerned, I have heard from only one of them in a whole year. As a matter of fact if it were not for our efficient committee on Correspondence and our Grand Secretary we would hear but little of our sister jurisdictions. There was a time when the system formed a definite link of communication between the Grand Jurisdictions. A Past Grand High Priest of Oregon calls the system a gray bewhiskered relic arising from time without date and recommends that it be abolished. And so do I. Let us have this Grand Chapter up-to-date, efficient, active, holding to our worth-while traditions, but discarding those that make us ridiculous."

In "Conclusion," the Grand High Priest gives a story of his stewardship of thirty-two years active official service in Masonry, finishing his address with the following beautiful thought:

"If all my pain,
And all my tears,
And all that I have learnt
Through all the years,
Could make one single, perfect song,
To right some wrong;
To lift some fallen head,
To light some darkened mind,
I should feel that not in vain
I served mankind."

California has a "Committee on Capitular Education" that seems to be doing good work. During the five months it had been in operation it issued the following pamphlets to the Grand Chapter officers:

Symbolism of the Ark.
Meaning of the Book of the Law.
Symbolism of the Dedication of the Temple.
Origin and Meaning of Rabboni.
The Destruction of the Temple.
The Captivity at Babylon.
The Return to Jerusalem.

To the Master Mason desiring further knowledge, may the good work of the Committee continue.

E. Companion Arthur A. Willoughby, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, gives some plain wholesome criticism of the proceedings reviewed and we cannot refrain from quoting the following paragraph which is applicable in Alberta as elsewhere:

"There has been the suspicion in some of the proceedings reviewed that politics have played too important a part in a number of jurisdictions in choosing Grand Officers who appear more interested in social flubdub and in receiving all the honors appertaining to the sta-

tion than to accord earnest effort toward the solution of the large problems confronting our fraternity in increasing measure. There has hardly been one outstanding Grand High Priest's address the past year which has attempted to solve our great membership slump and suggesting means to check it. Too many have been concerned with uttering oratorical platitudes, using the readbare verboseness and expressing thanks for the honor of wearing the regalia. If more of our presiding officers would leave the oratory to those appointed to dispense it and give themselves over to a business-like administration of Capitular affairs during their term of office and show an anxious concern for the welfare particularly of the weaker, struggling Chapters, Royal Arch Masonry would be making good progress today instead of floundering in a morass of suspensions which are thinning our ranks only too perceptibly."

He reviews Alberta in a non-critical way, simply calling attention to the fine points of M. E. Companion MacNab's address and a few matters of details in our work.

On the closing pages of the Reviewer's report is a summary of the oddities he has noticed in the Proceedings reviewed. They are worth reading, being concise and to the point.

130 Chapters. 26,466 members. Net gain, 479.

J.E.J.

CANADA

The Seventy-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada (in Ontario) was held at Kingston on February 27th and 28th, 1929.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by M. E. Companion Edwin Smith.

Alberta was not represented.

A civic welcome was extended by His Worship the Mayor. (Is he a Mason? It is always interesting to know these points.)

Distinguished visitors were present from British Columbia, Quebec, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania. What a galaxy of regalia!

The address of the Grand First Principal is rich in historical data regarding the origin and early struggles of "The old Limestone City." The first Royal Arch Chapter in Ontario was instituted at Kingston on June 7th, 1795. The "Limestone City" also claims parentage to the first University in Ontario. Such is no mean record. Under the heading of "Divine Service" and in view of our own recent Masonic enactments, the following will be of absorbing interest to the Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

"After enquiry and being officially informed I found it was the custom of the Masonic Authorities in England, Scotland, and in all the other Grand Chapter Jurisdictions in Canada, as well as in the United States, to allow their members, in a body, to attend Divine Service. I agreed to the custom prevailing in our Jurisdiction when a request was made, under instructions going forth from the Office of Grand Scribe E., as to the proper guidance of such services.

"With our Grand Master's remarks made at London, Ontario, last July, at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, I fully concur when he said: 'The practice of Lodges attending Divine Worship is one that should receive every encouragement.' If it is good for our Lodges, then it is also good for our Chapters to do likewise. I have attended several of the Divine Services, held under the auspices of our Chapters, and I was more than impressed by the appearance, dignity and devotion displayed at these services by our companions. At two of the services I attended, one in London when Companion Bishop Farthing, of Montreal, preached in St. Paul's Cathedral to close on 500 Royal Arch Masons, and another one held at St. Thomas Church, Dover, near Chatham. Both services were inspiring as well as instructive to those in attendance."

Speaking about the "Financial condition of Chapters," the Grand First Principal very wisely says:—

"Fundamentally, the whole system is wrong. The dues should provide funds for maintenance and operating expenses, and the exaltation fee should be placed in the capital account to build up a reserve fund for equipment, benevolence and other emergent calls upon our finances. While not desiring to step beyond my province as your Grand First Principal, I would urge, in the strongest possible terms, that concerted effort be made to raise the standard of the Royal Craft, by placing our constituent Chapters upon a sound business basis, and demand a greater respect from our membership by asking a fair price for what we have to offer."

The "Mystic bonds of Empire" are strongly in evidence in Ontario. A cablegram of felicitation was sent to His Majesty the King, and greetings were received from H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and the Earl of Cassilis.

The revised Ritual of the Grand Chapter of Canada has found ready favour in the prairie provinces. Nova Scotia, however, is distinctly "backward in coming forward," methinks to their loss.

The increase in membership for the year is given as fifty-eight, which indicates an attack of "Generalitis," by no means acute.

We cannot pass without commenting on the report of "Conditions of Capitular Masonry." It is by far the best under review; take the following as an example:—

"A retrospect of the year now indicates that it has been one of unusual activity in Capitular affairs. We are now progressing with a healthy stride that should in due course carry us to the foot of the rainbow where we may uncover that hidden pot of gold which we have mentally labelled 'True Success.' Our social system is becoming more and more complex—our luxuries of today become the necessities of tomorrow—selfishness is rampant—honour very often prostituted to self-advancement—the Golden Rule is in danger of passing into a memory. The great need today—as never before—is for fearless leaders properly qualified, men of vision, honest men, strong men of character and purpose. And where shall we seek such leaders but in the ranks of that great fraternity whose professed principles are Virtue, Honour and Mercy? With such leadership may we not hope that a constructive effort be made to widen the scope of Masonic influence."

One of the great joys in reviewing the Grand Chapter of Canada is to read the annual volume of Masonic literature written by M. E. Companion Ponton. The late Dr. Kuhn was, by far, America's

greatest exponent of the Royal Craft, and in like manner William Nisbet Ponton stands pre-eminently forth as the giant of the capitular world in Canada.

Where can you find a better discriminating choice than the following
"May God give you all good, pure, sweet and pleasant things, the
gifts of Heaven, the products of Earth, stability, serenity, equanimity,
health, strength, power, love and all joy of life."

"The light that shines the farthest, shines the brightest nearest home. But the higher we climb the broader should be our horizons and our helpful sympathies. If we are to live rather than to exist we must make contact outside the range of our own immediate experience. That is one of the purposes of our Fraternal Correspondence Reviews—to keep the step—to keep the touch—to keep the faith. So doing we cannot lose our way, or if in haven we will not drift from our moorings. Let us strengthen the grip of hands and hearts across the Seas—across the Lakes."

"We men of the present must face the future together and it should be on an eminence from which we may look back on great things accomplished and forward on the greater things to come. May this summary of acts and facts, of actors and factors in the Royal Craft, give impetus and impulse to the will power, and unity, copiousness and flexibility to the hearts and minds of the Brotherhood of Solidarity."

Chapters, 156. Members, 26,077.

S. H. M.

COLORADO

The Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado was held at Denver, September 19th, 1929, M. E. Companion Corbin E. Robinson presiding.

Alberta represented by Companion William S. Pickerill.

The High Priest's address covers his activities for the year. His reports of his visitations are the most condensed of any it has been my privilege to read. He finds the condition of Royal Arch Masonry good in spite of the loss of 155 members, assuming that the Chapters have embraced the opportunity of lopping off the dead branches and thereby putting themselves in a position to build anew. He advises the officers to open promptly and to give a hearty welcome to all members and visitors—good advice which, acted upon, will no doubt change the report from the debit to the credit side.

He emphasizes that quality, not quantity, is to be desired; that every member be a Mason at heart as well as by name. "By that I mean that we should not only be loyal to the Craft, but as brother Masons be loyal to each other. To be in truth a brother with all that word implies, on the street, in the business world, and in the lodge room. If there is a member that you cannot accept as a brother then you have fallen down in the use of that only protection of Masonry—the ballot. But when you have admitted a worthy member within your doors, treat him as a companion and brother. To the great principles of friendship and brotherly love one toward another, prac-

tised among its members, Masonry owes what it is today and in my opinion its future growth and prosperity will depend upon the same fraternalism that has made it in the past."

Addresses were given by M. E. Companion Charles C. Davis, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States; also M. E. Companion O. Frank Hart, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States; M. E. Companion Harry S. Villars, Grand High Priest Nebraska; and Companion H. H. Merrill, Representative of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

53 Chapters; 51 represented. 7,969 members.

A. Mc.

CONNECTICUT

The One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut was held at Hartford, May 14th, 1929, M. E. Companion Colin S. Buell, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Of the twenty-three living Past Grand High Priests of the Jurisdiction, twenty were present.

Alberta was not represented.

The reports of the Grand High Priest and other Grand Chapter officers are taken up almost wholly with routine business such as visitations, dispensations, etc.

In the Proceedings we note three special convocations of this Grand Chapter for 1928-1929, all for the purpose of constituting new Chapters.

In the section on Necrology, reference is made to the passing of M. E. Companion Bernard G. Witt, Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and to M. E. Companion Edward W. Avery, of the Grand Jurisdiction of Connecticut, with suitable tributes to each. May we extend our sympathy from far Alberta and express the hope that others will be found to carry on the work which the above eminent companions have been compelled to lay down.

Reference is made to the appeal from the Grand Chapter of Alabama for relief for sufferers from the floods in that State.

Seventeen dispensations were granted for various reasons to subordinate Chapters.

The budget system of financing is recommended for financing the Masonic Home as well as a better and simpler way of dealing with Grand Chapter finances generally.

Various suggestions for securing uniformity of work are made; these include the visiting of the subordinate Chapters by the first four Grand officers, the formation of a Committee of Custodians of nine members each of whom shall have the supervision of a number of Chapters, and the appointment of a General Supervisory Officer.

Alberta is given about two pages of review and the addresses of M. E. Companion McNab and M. E. Companion (Rev. Canon) S. H. Middleton are favorably commented on.

Connecticut has a Royal Arch membership of 16,800 in 46 Chapters.

M. E. Companion Lewis C. Hull, Grand High Priest elect for 1930.

J. W. V.

DELAWARE

The Sixty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Delaware Royal Arch Masons was held in the City of Wilmington, on January 16th, 1929, M. E. Companion Frank L. Long presiding.

In the roll call of Grand Representatives M. E. Companion John W. Macklem, Grand Secretary, represented Alberta.

M. E. Companion Long found time during his year in office to make courtesy visits to the Grand Chapters of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Alberta's neighbors are not as close as yours of Delaware.

During the year the constituent Chapters of Delaware donated \$225.00 to the hurricane fund for the benefit of Florida sufferers.

From correspondence between Pennsylvania and Delaware, it is interesting to note that when a Master Mason is raised in Pennsylvania he is given the secrets of the Master's chair. This is simply passing the chair. The system in Pennsylvania differs from that of other States. Each Master of a Craft Lodge has the authority from the Grand Master to impart the secrets of the chair to any Master Mason a member of his lodge, and the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has only the control of the Mark, Most Excellent, and Royal Arch degrees. We fail to see why the "passing of the chair" is necessary. If the Constitution provides that a brother must be a Past Master, then adhere to what is right. But instead of making a farce of it, why not change the Constitution?

The Grand High Priest recommended a raise of twenty-five cents in the per capita dues. The Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve.

A recommendation was made to increase the salary of the reviewer. This was not approved by the Finance Committee.

5 Chapters: Membership, 1,984. Decrease, 39.

Obadiah Clark, Grand High Priest.

John W. Macklem, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1928

The Sixty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia was held at Washington, February 8th, 1928, A.L. 2458, M. E. Companion Charles R. Bartlett, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Alberta represented by Companion James A. West.

Seven Past Grand High Priests were present.

A large number of Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge F.A. A.M., of the District of Columbia received fraternal greetings.

Recognition was given to Companion Edward Burkholder, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the District of Columbia, and M. E. Companion Mark F. Findley, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the District of Columbia.

The Grand High Priest in his address notes a greater interest by the companions in the conferring of the degrees, and a deeper seriousness, so essential for the proper development of Capitular Masonry. Nevertheless he evinces a trace of pessimism when he says, "The responsibility for a declining membership is an individual responsibility—We preach, but do we practise? We point the way, but do not walk therein. The men we need see little in our professions of advanced knowledge in Masonry and little or no improvement in our conduct as men that are convincing evidences of the 'goodness of the institution' in which we invite them to invest their time and their talents." These words deserve the careful consideration of all thoughtful Masons.

He commends the work of the High Priests' Association, the conferring of degrees by them in the various Chapters being of great benefit to the Chapter Officers as well as to the lay members and the giving of short addresses on the characters and places referred to in the degrees being of helpful interest to all.

In co-operation with the Grand Lodge, they are reorganizing a Masonic Employment Bureau, thereby showing that they are endeavoring to be practical, as well as speculative Masons. We await further reports on the success of the venture.

No decisions were required, thus showing the companions of the District of Columbia are well informed in the law.

Two dispensations along the usual lines as followed here.

16 Chapters. 6,310 members. A loss of 129.

A. M.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

1929

The Sixty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia was held in the City of Washington, February 13th, 1929, M. E. Companion Raymond B. Dickey, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Eight Past Grand High Priests were present.

Alberta was not represented.

The Past Grand High Priests were appropriately welcomed. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M., of the District of Columbia, Wisdom D. Brown, and nine Past Grand Masters were fraternally greeted as were Companion John W. Kimmerling, Grand Master,

and Companion Richard A. Roseberry, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the District of Columbia.

The Grand High Priest, in a very able address, deals with every detail of his work for the year. He visited all the Chapters, but in doing so, did not cover the area or distance that our Grand First Principal had to in making his visits last year in Alberta.

He finds that the loss of 172 members is due to but few exaltations and the dropping of members for non-payment of dues, but is not discouraged thereat. He urges that earnest attention and thoughtful consideration be given to the present condition of Capitular Masonry with a view to bringing about a return of that prosperity which it once possessed, but which now appears to be lacking. To quote: "I have no panacea to offer as a remedy for the present ills with which Capitular Masonry appears to be inflicted, nor do I believe that we should permit them to cause undue disappointment or discouragement. I am confident that within the body of our Fraternity there is that degree of wisdom which will enable it to counteract the influences which have brought about existing conditions. My advice would be that we keep our faith in the ultimate progress of our institution, going forward with a cheerful and zealous spirit and putting forth our best efforts toward the attainment of our exalted purposes."

And again: "It is an old and perhaps a trite saying that there is more to our work than a mere increase in numbers of far greater value will it be if we can cement our present membership into a united force eager to demonstrate its loyalty and filled with a determination to make the most of the advantages which Capitular membership offers. So vital and so inspired, there is no purpose impossible of achievement. Out of the service so rendered and from the efforts so put forth, there is certain to come a joy and satisfaction, which will fully recompense us for all the sacrifice required."

16 Chapters. 6,138 members. A loss of 172.

M. E. Companion W. W. Jermene, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

A. M.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

1930

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia was held in Washington, District of Columbia, February 12th, 1930.

M. E. Companion Walter F. Smith, Grand High Priest.

E. Companion James A. West, Grand Master and Representative of Alberta, present.

M. E. Companion Smith has been minister of Park View Christian Church in Washington since 1904. His address was the well-thought-out effort of a well-informed, hard-working leader. In his comments on the friendships formed and the support given him he says: "Life has been finer and better because of their friendship; we have looked deeper into the hearts and entered a bit more fully into the lives of our companions and we have found it good. Together

we have been privileged to exemplify the great principles of Capitular Masonry and have learned something more about the sublime joys of friendship."

He arranged a schedule of visits for each of his officers and requested written reports from each. The result was "undoubted benefit to the Chapters."

With respect to loss and gain in membership he makes the following remarks:

"It is obvious that there are two factors upon which our efforts should be concentrated if we are to transfer the net results of the year's work from the loss to the gain column. One is an increase in the number of those admitted to membership and the other a reduction in those who apparently have ceased to be interested in the activities of Capitular Masonry, with the result that they either voluntarily withdraw from the Chapters or permit themselves to be suspended for failing to meet their financial obligations to them.

"With regard to the new members, I need only repeat what my predecessors have frequently emphasized, namely, that if the Chapters are made attractive by intelligent planning and if their officers accept whole-heartedly and understandingly the duties and responsibilities which their leadership entails, the brethren of the Lodges will feel that Capitular membership offers them something worth while and will knock at our doors. The responsibility of a High Priest is an ever-present one. It is not to be assumed only once in every two weeks when the stated convocations occur. To be successful, the High Priest should give daily thought to his duties, should be able to enthuse his associate officers and companions and should plan carefully and wisely for the efficient promotion of those activities which, properly carried on, constitute the difference between a live, successful organization and a dead or indifferent one.

"The other item to which I refer involves the concentration of our efforts on retaining those who have already come into association with us and securing the return to the fold of those who have been separated from it. As in the former case, the arousing of interest and enthusiasm in Chapter matters will carry us far in this work also. If a companion has a deep-seated interest in the Chapter and if his membership therein is such as to afford him a genuine delight in the contacts which it provides, there need be no fear that he will permit his membership to lapse.

"Regardless of what our opinions may be as to the causes which have brought about the present conditions in our Craft, and they are nation-wide, there is one thing of which we may be certain and that is that they will not correct themselves. It is not the part of wisdom to sit idly by nursing the belief that the inherent righteousness of Freemasonry will in itself provide a remedy. The best remedy ever discovered for all the evils of the world is work, individual personal work, and, so far as we are immediately concerned, the high responsibility for securing this rests with those who have been chosen by the Chapters to direct and administer their affairs.

"I am optimistic as to the final outcome. I have great faith in the righteousness of our cause and unfailing confidence in the ability of our membership to devise the right plans and methods and to carry them successfully into execution.

"If in addition, we will work for the attainment of our ideals unceasingly, unselfishly and wholeheartedly, we shall reach our goal and attain the summit of the sunlit hills."

He pays tribute to the High Priests of his Jurisdiction thus:

"I have no hesitation in affirming that, through the efforts of these devoted companions and their frequent visits to other Chapters, there exists a closer bond of union in our jurisdiction than ever before. I have never seen a body of men so cordial in their relations and so congenial in their contacts. Of necessity, their work was team work of the highest order and has left an impress on Capitular affairs which will long remain as a monument to their industry and effectiveness."

Valuable advice is given in the following statement re the Schools of Instruction:

"From my frequent visits to the Chapters, I am convinced that our ritualistic work is uniformly of a high order, even though the attendance at the school is not all that we might desire. It is safe to say that the best work is done in those Chapters whose officers are most frequent in their attendance upon the School of Instruction. I would not appear as unduly emphasizing the importance of correct ritualistic work, although I regard it as highly important. It is of equal importance that the High Priests of the Chapters and those who will some day be High Priests shall be men of executive ability and sound judgment, able to conduct the affairs of their Chapters in a wise and business-like manner. The companions expect, and rightly so, that the individual who has been chosen as High Priest shall possess the qualifications of leadership and my observation, especially during the past year, confirms my belief that the competent executive will also be a good ritualist. His ability in one of these directions brings him to a proper appreciation of the duties and responsibilities of his office, not the least of which is the duty of conveying to the initiate the beautiful lessons of the Royal Arch system in an impressive and effective manner."

It may be unnecessary to add that the Committee on the Grand High Priest's address highly commended M. E. Companion Smith for his activities and splendid leadership.

Owing to our Proceedings having been delayed in printing, no report on "Alberta" is found in the Correspondence Review by M. E. Companion M. W. Jermaine, P.G.H.P. With respect to losses in membership he shows that he is not a pessimist: "Despite the losses of 1929, I believe we are to weather the storm which has tried the souls of so many of our people, and that the Royal Craft will be all the better because of the experience it has had."

16 Chapters. 6,003 members. Loss, 135.

J.E.J.

ENGLAND

The Quarterly Communications of the Grand Chapter of England were held on February 6th, August 7th and November 6th, 1929.

M. E. Companion Lord Ampthill presided at the February and August communications and M. E. Companion Lord Cornwallis in November.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia was recognized by England.

This Grand Chapter formed a new District Grand Chapter in Japan on the petition of four Royal Arch Chapters in that country.

A motion to place a limitation on the number of exaltees at any one ceremony was presented, and after much discussion was not adopted. Notice was given that the matter would be again brought up at a future communication.

M. M. D.

ENGLAND AND WALES

Mark Master Masons

The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn was re-elected Grand Master. The Earl of Stradbroke, Pro-Grand Master.

The Quarterly Communications, held on December 4th, 1928, September 3rd, 1929, and December 3rd, 1929, were opened by the Pro-Grand Master and that on March 5th, 1929, by the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Aldenham.

A Royal resolution was presented and carried in reference to the health of His Majesty the King.

Among the presentations made to the Grand Lodge was the Apron and Collarette of the late Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Canada.

One constituent lodge was suspended for putting the Master's Chair up for auction, and at a later communication the lodge was erased from the roll.

Warrants were issued to five lodges of Royal Ark Mariners, to be attached to Mark Lodges.

M. M. D.

GEORGIA

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia, was held at Macon on April 17th, 1929, M. E. Companion (Rev.) John Swain, Grand High Priest, presiding.

E. Companion Zach Arnold, of Fort Gaines, our worthy Representative, was present.

Grand Convocation was opened by the singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds" and by prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Each of the many prominent visitors was introduced separately and received with Grand Honors.

The zeal and wonderful activities of the Grand High Priest merited all the encomiums his companions heaped upon him. He visited ten District Conventions, forty Chapters, seventeen Lodges and Councils, three Masonic Association meetings, one Grand Lodge meeting and three committee meetings—seventy-two in all, not including visits to the Masonic Home and Industrial Building. He also made fifty-two Masonic addresses.

M. E. Companion Swain is a Minister of the Gospel and his annual address is just what might be expected from one who has devoted his life to the service of mankind.

"A man, and indeed my Brother"—

During the year Georgia lost one of its most outstanding Masons in the person of E. Companion Edgar Allen McHan, Grand Secretary and Lecturer, a man who had not only endeared himself to his Georgia companions but to all who had had the pleasure of his acquaintance either by personal contact or by correspondence. We join with our Georgian companions in deep sympathy to his loved ones.

M. E. Companion Augustus G. Miller, P.G.H.P., was appointed to the vacant position.

Georgia supports a "Royal Arch Craft Shop" at the Masonic Home.

It has a fund for the erection of a cottage for tubercular children, one for the relief of indigent Masons, a Grand Chapter Educational Loan Fund as well as one for "Higher Education of Children in the Masonic Home." In addition to the above, grants were made for the relief of Florida, Porto Rico and Alabama flood sufferers.

In his splendid Report on Foreign Correspondence, E. Companion Pleasant T. McCutchen devotes a page and a half to Alberta, quoting freely from M. E. Companion McNab's address. His comments are favorable indeed.

159 Chapters. 16,130 members. Loss, 873.

J.E.J.

IDAHO

1928

The Twentieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Idaho was held at Boise on May 22nd and 23rd, 1928, M. E. Companion George O. Buhn, Grand High Priest, presiding.

E. Companion Kenneth E. McBride, Grand Representative for Alberta was present.

In speaking of the membership decrease and number of suspensions in constituent Chapters the Grand High Priest quotes: "When the pruning process has been thoroughly done the vine produces better results." That is very true.

Flowers were presented from the following bodies: El Korah Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Adah Chapter, No. 8, Order of the Eastern Star, and also from the Scottish Rite Bodies.

24 Chapters. Membership, 2,679. Decrease, 40.

Homer G. Brown, Grand High Priest.

Edward H. Way, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

IDAHO
1929

The Twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Idaho was held at Lewiston, May 14th, and 15th, 1929.

M. E. Companion Homer G. Brown, Grand High Priest.

Alberta not represented at roll call.

The Grand High Priest in a concise and business-like address, gave an account of his activities during the year. He reports a gain of six in membership against a loss of forty the year before.

He requested Chapters in two sister Jurisdictions to confer all Chapter degrees on Idaho candidates. In Alberta we do not consider this good business and insist that the candidate should have at least one of the degrees conferred in the Chapter in which he was balloted on.

Grants were made for the relief of Masons in Florida and Porto Rico, sufferers from the hurricane which swept those districts.

The Fraternal Correspondence Report is from the able pen of E. Companion George E. Knepper. We quote his observations on M. E. Companion McNab's address:

"Early in the proceedings before us we come to a very unusual address of the Grand Z. Before coming to Necrology we pass over four very closely printed pages. This means that this Grand Z. had a message for his companions. But we imagine that this long dissertation had the same effect as water is said to have had on the proverbial duck. He is an idealist and has said many good things but he forgets that he is talking to the average man—the ordinary man. The really big men go to the General Grand Chapter, the little fellows who are in a very large majority stay at home.

"The Grand Z. even goes so far as to suggest that some legislation should be devised to curb or discontinue the using of Capitular Masonry as a stepping stone to something else. But since the original organizer made it such why complain? A good man's ambition may be to win a fine uniform with a big feather. He must go by way of the Chapter and as long as he pays his dues let's not condemn him."

"Some very pertinent recommendations concludes a very fine address."

Companion Knepper, your first guess was correct—F.S.S. is the eminent barrister.

24 Chapters 2,685 members Gain 6

J. E. J.

ILLINOIS

The Eightieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Illinois was held in Chicago on October 24th, 1929, A.L. 2549, M. E. Companion Edward E. Core, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Many distinguished visitors were received at the altar and accorded Grand Honors.

The General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, M. E. Companion Charles Clark Davis, was invested with the gavel of authority.

Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion Andrew J. Schattgen.

The High Priest in his address makes no report of decisions or the need for discipline, which goes to show how well versed in Masonic procedure our companions of Illinois are and how well they obey the Constitution and laws. In such a large Grand body this is remarkable and they are to be congratulated thereon.

It appears that they permit Chapters to remain inactive over a period of years which to us is a peculiar custom. He deplores the loss of membership. This is general and is regretted all over the Masonic world. His recommendations along charitable lines were adopted by Grand Chapter.

The reports of the District Inspectors are to be commended for their brevity though they appear to have visited all of the Chapters, thereby proving themselves to be efficient officers.

The splendid oration of the Grand Chaplain emphasized "Service to Humanity," stressed the origin of our ritual in the Book of Books, and strongly impressed what the Great Light really is and the necessity of every Mason making it his guide through life.

Out of 242 Chapters there were only 20 not represented. All Grand officers, all Past Grand High Priests with one exception, and all District Inspectors were present—a record any jurisdiction might justly be proud of and the Grand Chapter is to be congratulated thereon. Active Chapters 242, Vacant Chapters 36. 89,396 members. Loss, 1,565.

A. Mc.

INDIANA

The Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana was held at Logansport, October 23rd and 24th, 1929.

M. E. Companion Frederick Russell Clarke, Grand High Priest.

Alberta's Representative, M. E. Companion Robert M. H. Britton was present.

Many distinguished visitors were received and welcomed with Grand Honors.

The address of the Grand High Priest is so full of good material that one is tempted to reprint it in full. This being impracticable, we quote a few of the highlights of his splendid report:

"It is most gratifying to witness the spirit of fraternalism and good fellowship displayed at the annual assembly of the members attending Grand Chapter, to hear the hearty greetings, observe the warm hand clasps and pleasantries that attend the making of new

acquaintances, and the meeting of companions whose associations have existed for a number of years."

"Fraternalism owes its enduring power to the fact that it develops friendship. The association we cultivate, the friendship we form and the affection for one another generated as a result of our meeting here, is one of the greatest privileges of our existence."

"The success or failure of a Chapter depends absolutely upon effective leadership. A High Priest who is zealous and enthusiastic, a wise director and who can inspire his officers and fellow companions with a full sense of their responsibilities and gain their loyalty and their full co-operation, will have a successful year and secure noteworthy improvements in the condition of his Chapter. A Chapter will always succeed if there are one or two live wires ready to take hold and make things go, purely by the force of their own initiative and personality. A successful leader must instill into the mind of each member that he is a member in all that the word 'member' implies. When the membership are taught to believe that they are factors in the Chapter's success, the all important qualification of loyalty is generated."

"The selection of a Companion to be started in line of office should be attended with the greatest care and consideration."

"If the Secretary is diplomatic and applies real common sense business principles in the discharge of his duties, particularly in the collection of dues, many suspensions may be avoided. The continued service of a good Secretary from year to year means much toward the success of any Chapter. However, in my judgment, it is poor policy for a Chapter to retain its Secretary for sentimental reasons alone, unless he is actually discharging all his duties in a manner which assures continued success and increased loyalty."

"You will remember that Nehemiah, when he had enlisted the King's permission and support in re-building the wall at Jerusalem, gathered the people about him and gave them each a portion of the work—and 'they had a mind to work.' They were compelled, by reason of opposition from without, to work with one hand and fight with the other, BUT THEY REBUILT THE WALL."

"We, too, have opposition—lack of interest, decrease in membership and laxity in ritualistic perfection, but if we "have a mind to work" both as to building and keeping up our membership, and by unfolding to our initiates a fuller and more understandable interpretation of the wonderful lessons in Capitular Masonry, we will succeed in building the city and the house of our Lord and will find a white stone with a new name written thereon."

The Grand High Priest refused dispensations in two cases to Indiana Chapters to confer degrees in sister Jurisdictions. In both instances he suggested visitations be exchanged and the degrees conferred by the home Chapters in their own Temples.

E. Companion Herbert A. Graham, Grand Lecturer, visited every Chapter during the year. He reports the work of the majority of Chapters to be of high character; recommends the loose leaf system for recording minutes.

On loss of membership he has this to say:—

"As one who has been in close fraternal relation with the membership in Indiana, and having knowledge of the zeal and loyalty with which the Companions and officers of the several Chapters are

animated, I feel there is no cause for alarm because of the loss of membership. Occasionally, and it is just as natural in fraternal as in business life, there are periods when the sun of prosperity does not shed its brilliant rays upon all our efforts, but soon the clouds are lifted and we again rejoice in the brightness and glory of the returning light which beckons us to greater effort, and greater opportunities. Let us look to ourselves to convert the loss into a gain, and not be content to deplore this, that, and the other thing as being the thing responsible for the situation. It behooves every companion to stand firm in the faith of the Founders of this Grand Chapter, and lend his every support and effort to its continued success in shaping these earthly Temples of the present life so they may meet Divine approbation, and at last, be welcomed into the Holy of Holies above."

Space forbids reprinting the address on "The Greater Temple," given by the Grand Chaplain, E. Companion G. H. Gebhardt—a wonderful exposition of true religion necessary in Masonry: the Temple of a Christian Character, a Purer Patriotism, a Real Religion.

Under the heading "Annual Capitular Review," M. E. Companion Robert A. Woods reviews in a masterly way the various Proceedings. On the subject of demissions he says:—

"It is high time, Companions, that we sit up and take notice. The day of talking platitudes is past. Stop the chaff about ridding the Order of the fish-out-of-water World War accretions, and that other sweet morsel that quality and not quantity is what we want. Get down to bed rock. What is really the matter with us? Is it altogether High Life, with its automobiles, radios, phonographs, picture shows, golf and luncheon clubs, etc.? Is it the failure of the poorly-paid Secretary to do all the work and get in all the money? Rather, is it not the lack of proper *Leadership*? The kind of leadership that enthuses, inspires, leads? Give me a Chapter with a real *Leader*, and I'll show you a Chapter with a net gain in members, *everytime*. It can be done. But such *Leaders* don't grow on trees, to be had just for the picking. No; they are scarce, but they can be found, and they must be found; else, we perish. Don't mistake me; these Leaders are not to do the whole work; it is for them to enthuse, inspire the members, to lead them "in paths they have not known," theretofore; and thus, by united, intelligent, persistent and inspirational effort, hands united all around, get results. The great living principles of the Institution are the same as for ages past, but the appeal from the rostrum to live up to them gets us nowhere with the uninitiated, for it never reaches them; nor does it reach the luke-warm and indifferent member who does not come around anymore; it's too tame. Get a *Leader*, a General, who can fill his army with fire and zeal, who can lead the assault, who can do things worth while, and watch him *bring home the bacon*. Get rid of your figure-head officers, the fellows that "just want to be a past high priest", and install the fellow that knows how, who itches to get into the fight, and who can carry his companions along with him to victory."

We believe M. E. Companion Woods has hit the nail squarely on the head. There is no doubt that in the last few years, real leaders have been scarce and that the office seeker who perhaps has plenty of zeal in his early days of office, has succeeded in driving away from our Lodges and Chapters men who would have kept Masonry on the high place it originally occupied.

His criticism of Alberta is kindly and just. He seems to have been favorably impressed with the address of M. E. Companion McNab. He notes the departure of this writer from Alberta.

Thanks, Companion Woods, for your kind remarks. Our only excuse for returning to the 'pen and paste' is an S.O.S. call, which we could not pass up.

117 Chapters. 32,476 members. Loss, 516.

J.E.J.

IOWA

The Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa was held at Cedar Rapids, October 17th, 1929, M. E. Companion Chester H. Eckles, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Companion L. J. Clarke, Alberta's Representative, was present.

The Grand High Priest, in his address of sixteen pages, reviews the condition of the order. We excerpt from his report:—

"I have in mind a certain Chapter that has six Blue Lodges to draw from; they exalted one team in 1925, one in 1926; that is the last work done by this organization."

"In comparison, I would like to call your attention to a Chapter that has a High Priest twenty-eight years old, who is alive to the needs of today. This Chapter shows ninety exaltations in the last five years."

"We have a few High Priests that seem to hold the office for honor only; to you few in this class, there is no honor due. . . . We also have a few Secretaries who should resign for the good of the Order."

He appears more or less alarmed at the net loss of 614 members.

His address is brimful of suggestions. He does not urge that we modernize Masonry but he does say that in our business along Capitular lines we should use modern methods.

Alberta congratulates Iowa on the celebration of its Diamond Jubilee.

We note that the order of High Priesthood is not mandatory in Iowa, but that it is conferred at the Annual Convocation. It does not fit in with Alberta's system, but yet we also confer the High Priesthood and think it worth while.

The result of M. E. Companion Eckles' labors will appear during the coming year.

It is pleasing to note the number of Representatives present from neighboring Grand Jurisdictions—namely from Nebraska, Missouri, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota and South Dakota.

M. W. Brother Charles A. Dewey, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, in his address says, in part:—

"There is no disguising the fact that during the last few years of financial depression the Masonic Institution has suffered, but I can speak from knowledge in telling you that there is a quickening of interest in Masonry in Iowa that has filled me with enthusiasm and encouragement, and faith in its stability and advancement, and this will, of course, innure to your benefit within a short period of time."

M. E. Companion Louis Block, 33 degree, in speaking on behalf of the Scottish Rite Bodies, says:—

“Let us not only remember that we have common enemies both in the frantic frivolities of our day and in the forces of ignorance, superstition, fanaticism, demagogery and despotism that threaten to destroy us, but that we are all comrades in a great contest for human freedom, for a nobler human brotherhood and a better life on earth.”

Next Grand Chapter Convocation, at Council Bluffs, October 16th, 1930.

123 Chapters. 21,905 members. Decrease, 614.

M. E. Companion C. A. Schlichter, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion O. F. Graves, Grand Secretary

M. M. D.

IRELAND

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland meets in stated Convocations on the first Wednesday in the months of February, May, July and November, in the Freemasons' Hall, Dublin.

The report though brief is interesting, their manner of conducting the business of Grand Chapter being different from ours.

Regular Chapters of Instruction are held on the first Thursday in January, February, March and November, and a special Convocation (for members only) on the third Thursday in May for the election of the Registrar and to ballot for members.

Severe losses were sustained in the death of the Grand King, Lord Muskerry, who had presided with distinction over Grand Chapter for sixteen years, and in the death of M. E. Colonel the Rt. Hon. R. H. Wallace, District First Grand Principal of Down.

Their amendment to Supreme Grand Chapter laws, relating to concurrent membership is along the lines we follow.

All expulsions, suspensions and restorations are reported to the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Personal canvassing for Grand Offices is forbidden and if proven guilty the person offending is declared ineligible for such Grand Office.

There are apparently a large number of Chapters but the number of members in their Grand Jurisdiction is not reported.

A. Mc.

KENTUCKY

The One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky was held at Louisville on October 15th, 1929.

M. E. Companion W. O. Rigney, Grand High Priest.

Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion Sam K. Veach, of Carlisle.

The report is a very complete one and deals with such matters as Masonic Homes, Jurisprudence, inspections, appeals, finance and Constitutional amendments.

The Grand High Priest, in the opening paragraph of his address, takes a serious view of the importance of his exalted office by quoting from Lippincott: "To the Master Mason the Temple of Solomon is the symbol of this life; to the Royal Arch Mason the Temple of Zerubbabel is the symbol of the future life. To the former his temple is the symbol of the search for truth; to the latter his is the symbol of the discovery of truth and thus the circle is completed and the system made perfect." He adds, as a commentary to the above: "Your Grand High Priest is figuratively the human oracle of that discovery. His duties are serious and must be seriously regarded and performed."

That in the performance of his duties he tried to realize this high conception of his office, we have the testimony of the Grand Secretary, G. Allison Holland: "The Grand High Priest of Kentucky has been wide awake during the past year, and although suffering from ill health for several months he has never for a moment forgotten the work in hand. . . . I want to close this report and say that the serious manner in which he (the Grand High Priest) has handled the business of Grand Chapter has been productive of good thought and good work in the ranks of the Craft. . . . He has been a splendid Grand High Priest and I congratulate the Grand Chapter of Kentucky upon his elevation." So do we, and upon their choice of Grand Secretary as well.

M. E. Companion Bernard Gratz Witt, Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, whose passing was so generally mourned, was a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky. Suitable tributes were paid to his memory at this Grand Convocation.

M. E. Companion Charles Clark Davis, General Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the United States, was present at this Convocation and officially received, but no address from him is reported.

Alberta is given about two pages in the Foreign Correspondence Report and the address of M. E. Companions McNab and Middleton are freely quoted from.

There are 185 Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction and a very large membership.

Hugh Moore, Grand High Priest.

G. Allison Holland, Grand Secretary.

J.W.V.

LOUISIANA

The Eighty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana was held at New Orleans on February 4th, 1930, M. E. Companion Guy M. Hopkins, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion Leon S. Haas, Alberta's Representative, was present.

The Grand High Priest made many visitations to his Chapters and assigned definite work to his subordinate officers so that the inspection and visitation of Chapters was not neglected.

He instituted a new Chapter at Jonesville and arrested the charter of Winnsboro Chapter which had become dormant.

E. Companion Herman J. Duncan, chairman of Foreign Correspondence, no doubt through our own delay in printing does not report on "Alberta." His first attempt at Capitular review is a good one and we welcome him to the Order of "paste pot and scissors."

59 Chapters. 8,305 members. Loss, 627.

J.E.J.

MAINE

The One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maine was held at Portland on May 7th, 1929.

M. E. Companion Convers E. Leach, Grand High Priest, in an address taking up sixteen pages of the report reviews the work of Capitular Masonry in the State and strikes a very high note. He refers with feeling regret to the loss of Bernard Gratz Witt, Past General Grand High Priest of the United States, and to M. E. Companion Howard D. Smith, of his own Grand Jurisdiction; also to a loss by death of 310 members from Subordinate Chapters. He then notes a net loss of 182 members of Royal Arch Masons in the State for the year; but he is not seriously disturbed at this as he would "rather see Chapters make *Royal Arch Masons* than *Chapter members*." He is concerned however with the apparent lack of interest on the part of the membership as shown in non-attendance. Reasons given for this non-attendance are only excuses. Each Chapter should make an effort to find out the true reason. "If a member is not able to attend we ought to be able to convince him of the worth whileness of being a member of a world-wide organization which stands for good citizenship, and that is doing so great a work along fraternal, relief and benevolent lines."

Forty-one per cent of the Master Masons of the state are also Royal Arch Masons—a very high proportion we would think. Congratulations, Maine!

In concluding his address, he delivers a brief but high eulogium of Masonry: "Second only to the Church of the Living God is the great world-wide fraternity of Freemasonry, the bulwark of civic righteousness, the champion of liberty, and the handmaid of the Church in all that is uplifting and ennobling. If we are true to the obligations we have assumed, what a mighty power for good!"

In the work of visiting and inspecting Chapters the Grand High Priest is assisted by four District Deputy Grand High Priests, corresponding to our Grand Superintendents. All give interesting reports of their work as do also the Grand Scribe and the Grand Secretary.

There are 68 Royal Arch Chapters under this Grand Jurisdiction and a membership of 17,626—an average of 260 members per Chapter.

Alberta is given a three-page review and the address of M. E. Companion McNab is freely quoted from and favorably commented on.

Our Grand Representative in this Jurisdiction is W. Scott Shorey.

M. E. Companion Perley C. Dresser is Grand High Priest elect for 1930.

Charles B. Davis is the Grand Secretary.

J. W. V.

MANITOBA

1927

The Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba was held at Winnipeg on February 2nd, 1927.

M. E. Companion Frederick L. Newman, Grand Representative for Alberta, was present.

M. E. Companion Edwin Pinkerton, Grand First Principal of Saskatchewan, was introduced and welcomed.

It was much regretted that the beloved veteran, Harry F. Moulden, Past Grand Scribe E, was absent on account of illness. M. E. Companion Brownell was elected as his successor.

The address of Grand First Principal F. W. Brownell shows him to be a thoughtful, earnest and zealous Mason and proves that his year had been a successful one. He believes that "in the various natures of man, such as industrial, political, intellectual and religious, the social or fraternal nature is considered the highest one. The Spirit of Fraternalism makes us more useful and more capable of enjoyment. A companion should be a Royal Arch Mason, not by simply receiving a degree, but by the attainment of a habitual mastery of all his appetites and passions, by the reason and the moral sense. The task of every man is to take the raw material of his life, with whatever of glowing passion or hard heredity it may hold, and shape it into constant beauty and enduring worth."

He thinks (quite correctly) that an inactive Chapter is worse than a defunct one. He visited thirteen of the fourteen Chapters and found a splendid spirit of earnestness and pride in each. He notes an increasing tendency among the Chapters to exchange visits.

New Chapters were instituted at Holland and Transcona.

He had no decisions to make, so there were no conflicts or disturbances.

Each of the three Grand Superintendents submit a report. There do not appear to be any poor Chapters, but it is noted that the First Principals of two Chapters could not confer all the degrees.

We are sorry to note that the Grand Superintendents are erring in the same manner as some of our Alberta Superintendents did last year—making their own official visit on the same date as the Grand First Principal. At the last Annual Convocation in Alberta, the Grand Superintendents were advised to make their official visits on a

date other than that of a Grand First Principal. It makes more special visits, creates more interest, and the authority or dignity of the officers does not conflict.

The finances of Grand Chapter are in good shape.

The Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry report continued growth in the membership and real enthusiasm in all Chapters.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead say that, "Thirteen companions have broken step with us and gone to their last home and the mourners go about the streets:

But they never quite leave us, the friends who have passed
Thro' the Shadow of Death to the sunlight above.

A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
To the places they blessed with their presence and love."

There is no Fraternal Correspondence Review.

A committee was appointed to secure a suitable gift for R. E. Companion Moulden.

16 Chapters. 1,654 members. Net gain, 31.

E.G.I.

MANITOBA

1928

The Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba was held in the City of Winnipeg on February 1st, 1928, M. E. Companion Robert Hawkins, Grand First Principal, presiding.

A pleasing event to record is the continued friendly relations between Manitoba and Saskatchewan and the visit of M. E. Companion J. Orville Clarke, Grand First Principal of Saskatchewan.

It is to be regretted that time and distance prevent visits between Alberta and Manitoba.

The address of M. E. Companion Hawkins covers nine pages of the Proceedings. The outstanding event in his year was the visit of Rt. Hon. The Earl of Cassillis, First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. The distinguished visitor was in Winnipeg at the time of the District Convocation held in the Capital City, and was tendered a banquet at which distinguished Manitoba visitors were present.

The usual dispensations were given and only one unusual decision rendered, and this no doubt was in accord with the Constitution. It is apparently necessary to obtain at a cost of \$20.00 a dispensation to confer two degrees in a shorter period than that allowed by the Constitution. In Alberta, where a candidate comes a long distance the Mark and Most Excellent degrees can be conferred on the same day, always providing the candidate is sufficiently instructed in the preceding degree.

District Convocations are a real factor in the Capitular Life of our Manitoba Companions.

We note that, although the Grand Chapter Convocation was held February 1st, the Grand Superintendent of No. 1 District did not commence his visits until November. For the three months he did work he makes a splendid report.

The Ritual Committee very wisely recommended the adoption of the Work of the Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario. To obtain uniformity in Canada this is the proper procedure.

In the review of Alberta by Companion John Parton issue is taken to some of Alberta's rulings. We like the candid manner Companion Parton handles the review.

16 Chapters. 1,751 members. Gain, 79.

F. E. Simmons, Grand First Principal.

George Syme, Grand Scribe E.

M. M. D.

MASSACHUSETTS

The One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts was held at Boston on December 10th, 1929. M. E. Companion Winthrop J. Cushing, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Companion Robert W. Oliver, Alberta's Representative, was present.

The address of the Grand High Priest reviews very fully the activities of this Grand Body during the recess of Grand Chapter. From the address we excerpt as follows:

"Last year I commented on the subject of losses to the effect that the Order would be greatly benefitted by the elimination from its ranks of those who did not appreciate the seriousness of living up to the tenets of their Masonic profession.

"It must be apparent that the process is still operative and will to a certain extent, continue still further but I again state, without fear of contradiction, that the result will be highly beneficial in spite of the depletion in our numerical strength.

"That we may avoid certain mistakes of the past, it is incumbent upon our Chapters to exercise extreme vigilance in the selection of their candidates.

"That this subject of care in the election of new members is being appreciated and is receiving careful consideration is evidenced by the fact that, from reliable information from many Chapters, a most desirable personnel is now applying for the degrees."

It is worth noting by our Alberta companions that Massachusetts is considering the advisability of eliminating the Past Masters' Degree from their ritual. This will be in line with the Pennsylvania policy as well as that of nearly all the Canadian Grand Chapters.

Massachusetts is considering an educational program, and for this purpose \$1500 was voted for the first year's work. A similar program has been discussed by a number of Alberta companions and the work along these lines will be watched with renewed interest by our own Grand Chapter.

M. W. Brother Herbert W. Dean, Grand Master of Massachusetts, in an address says:—

"I am particularly pleased at the forward step that your Grand High Priest has taken tonight in this educational program. It is particularly pleasing to me because I think that it fills a long-felt want in our educational program."

At this Convocation 93 of the 97 Chapters were represented by 396 companions.

Four Grand Chapters were represented.

There were distinguished visitors from Quebec, New Jersey, Maine, Ohio, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York and Pennsylvania, and the Grand Commandery Knights Templar, Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. and Supreme council A. & A.S.R. were represented.

The Capitular Review is in the hands of R. E. Companion Raymond T. Sewall, but we notice that Alberta was not reviewed.

Invested Funds, \$123,559.29.

97 Chapters. 40,932 members. Decrease, 608.

M. M. D.

MINNESOTA

The Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota was held in St. Paul October 8th, 1929.

M. E. Companion William E. Poole Grand High Priest.

88 Chapters on the roll; 65 represented.

There were present 13 Past Grand High Priests one Past Grand Scribe of this Chapter and the following distinguished visitors: The General Grand Master of the Third Veil, the Grand High Priests of Wisconsin and North Dakota, the Grand First Principal of Manitoba, the Grand Master of Masons of Minnesota and the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Minnesota.

The Grand High Priest's address showed that he had authorized \$350.00 for the benefit of the hurricane sufferers in Florida that he had had no matters requiring a decision referred to him and that new rituals had been secured for the jurisdiction.

Among the many visitations made during the year was one to Tom Morris Chapter No. 79 held at Warroad in Northern Minnesota. At this visit there were present large delegations from Kenora and Fort Francis, Ontario. In this connection he says: "And my companions when you stop to consider that on this occasion the citizens of these United States and the citizens of Canada were met around our common altar and our 'Old Glory' and the colors of Canada were prominently displayed in our Chapter room I believe that the cause of universal peace has been advanced one more step. It is true however that our flags differ. But remember that those flags are blood washed; they are dyed by the blue of heaven and they are purified and made white by the sacrifices of the finest souls that ever lived."

Both are emblems of dominant and powerful nations with soul-inspiring traditions. What power on earth is there that shall ever break this spirit of good will and happy trust and friendship and peaceful relationship existing between us?"

Among the many terse and pithy remarks let me commend these to our own companions:

"When we spread out our efforts too thin something must suffer."

"No companion has any right to be dropped from our membership without someone personally calling on him and ascertaining the reason why."

"For every member lost by non-payment of dues two new members are necessary to show a gain of one."

"The success of our Chapters depends not on mere numbers but on the spirit the vision, the courage and the adventure of the officers and members of that Chapter."

"No man should accept an office in a Chapter unless he expects to put into that office the best that is in him."

"Our Royal Craft has a high mission to perform and the responsibility rests on each individual."

For services as Grand Chaplain for a quarter of a century this Grand Chapter appointed E. Companion F. M. Garland officially as Grand Chaplain Emeritus.

M. E. Companion William R. Van Housen was elected Grand High Priest.

In treasury \$9,142.29. with total assets of \$35,142.29
16,908 members. Net loss 172.

J.V.F.

MISSISSIPPI

1929

The Eighty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Mississippi, was held in the City of Grenada on March 14th, 1929 A.L. 2459. The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Louis A. Benoist, presided.

Alberta represented by Companion Thomas E. Moody.

The Grand High Priest in his address modestly refers to his activities during the year, regretting his inability to present a better report. Yet the "Committee on Officers' Visits" commend his visits to various Chapters of the Jurisdiction as being of great benefit to the Royal Craft. Most of his recommendations seem to have met with the approval of Grand Chapter. That relating to the issuing of many dispensations was approved by the committee to whom it was referred, as was also one concerning the Ritual. His suggestion that Grand Chapter meet at the same time and place as Grand Lodge, however, was not concurred in by the Committee. Their method of dividing the Jurisdiction in Districts is similar to ours, but they dispense with Superintendents or Inspectors and make the various officers of Grand Chapter their "Official Visitors" under the direction of the Grand Lecturer.

M. E. Companion A. G. Hudson and the Grand Master of the Third Veil, W. L. Lapworth of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, were received with Grand Honors and invited to the East.

The address of M. E. Companion Hudson is printed in full. He emphasized the need of a more careful study and practice of the teachings laid down for our instructions in The Book of Books which is the Great Light of Masonry. He concludes by saying when you find an individual trying to shake the faith of your child or any other child in the Holy Bible, ask them kindly to be prepared to give something at least as good as that blessed book in return.

63 Chapters. 7,549 members. A decrease of 63.

A. M.

MISSISSIPPI

The Eighty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Mississippi was held at Clarksdale on March 18th, 1930.

M. E. Companion Robert W. Hinton Jr. Grand High Priest.

Alberta not represented.

Nothing of special interest to our readers appears in the various reports.

E. Companion William H. Carter, Grand Lecturer, who had been ill for some months was granted three months leave of absence with full pay.

Owing to the lateness of publication of our Proceedings Alberta was not reviewed.

63 Chapters. 7,156 members. Loss 193.

J.E.J.

MONTANA

The Fortieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Montana was held at Helena on July 23rd, 1929.

M. E. Companion Ray M. Armour Grand High Priest.

Alberta was represented by Companion David Craig of Conrad.

At the beginning of the Proceedings we note the reception (each in his official capacity) of:

The Grand Master of Masons of Montana; the Deputy Grand Master of Royal and Select Master of Montana; the Grand Commander Knights Templar of Montana; Representative 33 degree Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; and more especially of M. I. Companion O. Frank Hart General Grand Master Royal and Select Masters of the United States and M. E. Companion Charles Clark Davis General Grand High Priest of General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the United States.

Excerpts from the addresses of the last two will be found elsewhere.

From the official visits of these General Grand officers to the Grand Chapter in this as well as in other States we are led to conclude that the bond of fellowship between the various Masonic branches in the United States is much closer than is the case with us.

The Grand High Priest's address deals with the usual matters of visitations, rituals, dispensations, etc. In discussing the state of Capitular Masonry in Montana he says: "We find Grand High Priests elsewhere in their addresses discussing suspensions for non-payment of dues . . . but such suspension should not in my judgment exist in Capitular Masonry. This is usually attributed to the intensified business activities and unusual diversifications of the last few years. I believe there is a greater cause: ritualistic work naturally becomes somewhat routine; I believe it to be the duty of this Grand Chapter to see that proper presentations are made to the companions of subordinate Chapters to make certain that they more fully comprehend the Royal Arch and its relationship to the first three degrees; they have received it in ritualistic form; they should be told *in commonplace language* that they now possess that for which they so long sought; that they have received that which was long lost; that they have the last and completed volume of the story and lessons contained in Ancient Craft Masonry; they should know the historic connections of the Royal Arch to the Blue Lodge; they should know as the Grand Lodge of England long ago resolved; that 'Pure Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more; viz. those of the Entered Apprentice the Fellow Craft and the Master Mason including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch'."

R. E. Companion Geo. W. Sommers Captain of the Host, Grand Chapter of Washington, stressed the work among the boys and girls. He said: "We should prepare the boys and girls for the coming generation, because the mind, thought and actions of that generation are a reflection of those of this generation, and what the next generation is will be that which we build for them today."

M. E. Companion O. Frank Hart, General Grand Master Royal and Select Masters, said in part: "I am optimistic about the future of Masonry. I believe in Masonry. I have different views from some perhaps who think that Masonry is a sufficient religion. I can't agree with any brother that far. I don't believe that Masonry is a substitute in any of its branches, for religion. Masonry might be a handmaiden of religion, but Masonry, as far as I know and as far as my thoughts lead, does not justify the statement that it is a sufficient religion."

He is right. The Mason who would put his Masonry in place of religion has surely not learnt his Masonry aright.

The membership in this Grand Jurisdiction is 4,694, a net loss of 94 over previous year.

There are 36 Chapters.

M. E. Companion Frank W. Haskins, Grand High Priest elect for 1930.

J.W.V.

NEBRASKA

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska was held at Omaha on December 3rd and 4th, 1929.

M. E. Companion Harry S. Villars Grand High Priest.

Alberta was represented by E. Companion Hayes Gsanter.

An interesting point of Masonic procedure in this Grand Jurisdiction is seen in the opening of Grand Chapter by Omaha Chapter No. 1 first opening a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and then having the Grand High Priest and his associate Grand officers presented and introduced. After the usual honors the Grand High Priest requested the Grand Chapter officers to assume their stations and thus the Grand Chapter was opened.

Another interesting item of procedure was the offering of extempore prayer suitable to the occasion by Grand Chaplain R. E. Companion Luther M. Kuhns.

Still another interesting though solemn event was a memorial service to the deceased Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Jurisdiction. The service consisted of a cornet solo the reading of the names of the deceased Past Grands with the year of their office and date of death, prayer by the Grand Chaplain and the singing of "Crossing the Bar."

May we console with our Companions of Nebraska over the loss of their distinguished companions and commend their manner of keeping green the memories of their lost ones.

One army of the living God,
To His command we bow;
Part of the host have crossed the flood,
And part are crossing now.

The Grand High Priest in his address attributes decrease in membership to lack of leadership. "Many reasons are given for the general loss of membership in all organizations, but to me the outstanding need today is leadership—leadership that enthuses, leads inspires. Point out a Chapter with a real leader, and I'll show you a Chapter with an active and increasing membership, everytime. Companions, it is done every year. Get rid of that fellow who 'just wants to be a Past High Priest' a figure-head; elect the fellow 'who knows his onions' . . . he will lead his companions round by round up the ladder of success.

He says of M. E. Companion Bernard Gratz Witt, General Grand High Priest, 1912 to 1915, who passed to his reward January 5th, 1929, that he was "An active member in all bodies subordinate, state and national. He was known and loved by thousands throughout the land."

The Grand High Priest notes that the Grand Chapter is in debt some \$1000 or more due partly to falling revenue; but there has been an appropriation of \$10,000 to the infirmary, while the Grand Chapter has given \$34,500 to the home. We hope our Nebraskan companions will soon find a way to solve their financial difficulties as they deserve to do in face of such liberal munificence.

In this jurisdiction there are 65 Chapters and a membership of 8,336, a loss of 422 over previous year.

Alberta is given a little over a page of write-up in the Foreign Correspondence report. M. E. Companions McNab and Middleton have caught the fancy of the correspondent—here as elsewhere—as

practically the whole of the report on Alberta is made up of quotations from their addresses.

Fred G. Bosshammer, Grand High Priest.

Lewis E. Smith Grand Secretary.

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J. W. V.

NEVADA

The Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nevada was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Reno on June 11th, 1929, A.L. 2459.

M. E. Companion Lawrence William Semenza presided.

Alberta represented by Companion Charles P. Hoskins.

The Grand High Priest rendered no decisions during the year, indicating that harmony and peace prevailed throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. He laments the lack of interest shown by members in attending the regular meetings of the Chapters, ascribing as a reason the failure of the officers in the performance of their duties.

Making it necessary for all candidates to pass a satisfactory examination on the work before advancement; the proper emphasis laid upon the importance of the Royal Arch to every Master Mason; and the withholding of Past rank from all officers who fail in the proper discharge of the duties of their office might be of some benefit in improving conditions.

This Grand Chapter, though small in membership, has built up a Student Loan Fund of over \$2400 which will in future, following the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, be raised by voluntary gifts from the Chapters. They thus evidence their belief that by education light is increased and thereby prove themselves to be good Masons.

This Grand Chapter does not print a report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

9 Chapters. 646 members. Increase, 6.

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A. Mc.

NEW BRUNSWICK

1927

The Fortieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Brunswick was held at St. John, August 24th, 1927.

Our representative, E. Companion Frederick M. Tweedie, absent.

M. E. Companion Farris S. Sawaya, Grand High Priest, proved to be an energetic officer and received good support. Besides attending the Grand Chapter of Quebec at Montreal, he visited each of his ten Chapters, most of them more than once. He issued three dispensations to allow Chapters to confer degrees in towns other than that stated in their Charters. He recommended (1) "That Grand Chapter meet on

some other date than that preceding the meeting of Grand Lodge," which was referred to the Executive Committee. (2) That Grand Chapter revert to the original titles for the officers of Chapters and Grand Chapter, used prior to 1891, as these titles are used by all Grand Chapters in Canada except that of Nova Scotia. This was concurred in and a Committee appointed. (3) That this Grand Chapter join with Nova Scotia in protesting to the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood, formed at Toronto in February, 1927, against the use of the name which that Grand Council had adopted, i.e., "the Order of High Priesthood of the Dominion of Canada." Grand Councils had been established and actively continued in New Brunswick since 1866 and in Nova Scotia since 1870, and it was felt to be unfair for the companions of Ontario to use the words "Dominion of Canada." He quotes the Grand High Priest of Nova Scotia concerning the title "Grand Chapter of Canada" as used by the companions of Ontario as follows: "There is a very large body . . . who see no reason why this misnomer should be continued." We feel sure that many companions in all parts of Canada take the same view

Grand Chapter took over the Order of High Priesthood and the Constitution was amended so that a High Priest on being installed is also anointed.

Grand High Priest Sawaya was re-elected.

There is no Foreign Correspondence Report.

10 Chapters. 1,617 members. Net loss, 4.

E.G.I.

NEW BRUNSWICK

1928

The Forty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Brunswick met at St. John, August 22nd, 1928.

E. Companion Frederick M. Tweedie was not present to represent Alberta.

Grand High Priest, Sawaya, serving his second term, had a busy and successful year. He visited, at least once, each of the Chapters, except one. He found the Chapters "progressing favorably." He informed Grand Chapter that the Companions in Ontario had responded cheerfully to the protest and changed their name to "The Order of High Priesthood of Ontario."

One of his Dispensations granted permission to confer degrees in a town other than the one stated in the Warrant.

The recommendation to revert to the original titles for the officers of a Chapter was again urged as no definite decision had been made. The Special Committee approved but Grand Chapter passed a motion for further consideration.

He recommended that the Jurisdiction be divided into Districts and a District Deputy be appointed for each, which was done.

The Grand Secretary, J. Twining Hartt, stated that one secretary had reported that five members had been "dropped." He explained

that a companion cannot be "written off", but must be dimitted, suspended or removed by death.

The Annual Convocation will in future meet in June instead of in August.

10 Chapters, 1,618 members. Net gain, 1.

E.G.I.

NEW BRUNSWICK

1929

The Forty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Brunswick was held at West St. John, June 27th, 1929.

Our Grand Representative again failed to answer at Roll Call.

Of the ten Chapters, six were represented in Grand Chapter with a total attendance of twenty-three members, which indicates that this is one of the smaller Jurisdictions.

The Grand High Priest's vacation comes in July and August and as these months did not come in the Grand Chapter year this time, it being only of a ten months' period, he did not visit many Chapters. However, as the system of having District Deputies had been adopted the Chapters were not neglected. He recommends the continuance of these Deputies.

All Chapters are stated to be doing well, but the Executive Committee reported "In but three of the Chapters does there appear to have been the desired activity, and the record of withdrawals and suspensions is somewhat disquieting."

The Grand High Priest visited Montreal and witnessed the conferring of the Chapter Degrees, according to the new Ritual, by St. Patrick's Chapter of Toronto. He was so favourably impressed that he strongly recommended the adoption of this Ritual in the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick. Accordingly Notices of Motion were given to change the Constitution so as to use this Ritual which will also change the titles of their Chapter and Grand Chapter officers. As it seemed to meet the views of those present it is expected that the change will become law.

The Masonic Temple in St. John had been destroyed by fire, but fortunately the books, records and regalia were not lost.

10 Chapters. 1,597 members. Net loss, 25.

E.G.I.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The One Hundred and Tenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire was held in the Freemasons' Hall, City of Concord, May 14th, 1929, A.L. 2459.

M. E. Companion Ralph W. Junkins presided.

Alberta was not represented.

Distinguished visitors were introduced and accorded Private Grand Honors and invited to the Grand East. They were:

M. E. Companion Donald E. Speers, Past Grand High Priest of Rhode Island.

R. E. Companion Roy A. Davis, Grand King, and John F. Rodgers, Grand Representative, of New Hampshire, of the Grand Chapter of New York.

R. E. Companion Charles F. A. Hall, Grand King; Amosa Harrington, Past Grand Scribe, and Robert L. Smith, D.D.G.H.P., of Massachusetts.

The Grand High Priest reports a year of peace and harmony, increased interest being shown among the various Chapters, and a higher standard attained in the conferring of degrees, predicting from this an increase of membership.

In New Hampshire visitations are divided among the various officers of the Grand Council. If this is desirable in a Grand Chapter covering so small an area as New Hampshire, how much more so would it be in one as large as Alberta, thereby making the work less onerous for our Grand First Principals.

26 Chapters, 21 represented. 5,669 members. Loss, 174.

A. Mc.

NEW JERSEY

The Seventy-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey was held at Trenton on May 15th, 1929.

One of the forty-eight Grand Representatives answering at Roll Call was R. E. Companion William H. Pike for Alberta.

Among the many distinguished visitors were General Grand High Priest Charles Clark Davis and the Grand High Priests of New York, Delaware, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

There was a total attendance of 250 Excellent Companions.

The Address of Grand High Priest Victor H. Pugh would indicate that he is a deep and serious thinker. Speaking of Life he says, "We are travelling over a road that has no return. We cannot go back and unravel the tangled skein; we cannot go back and speak the kindly word or perform the helpful deed. So let us live and act so as to have the Master's approval."

His advice as to *harmony* in the Chapter is, "It is a prime and vital essential to our progress and companions should at all times be ready to subordinate self that harmony may prevail." Again he says, "It is not enough for a man that he lives. The question is 'What does he live for and from what source does he derive his inspiration'?"

He issued an unusual Dispensation: "Granted Centennial Chapter to dispense with Regular Convocation on January 22nd, same being a legal holiday." One request was refused that might have been allowed

in many Jurisdictions: "A Chapter requested permission to invite a Chapter from our Sister Jurisdiction of New York to visit them and exemplify the Most Excellent Master degree."

A District Chapter of Instruction was held in each of the twelve districts, and six Schools of Instruction to instruct the District Deputies, under the guidance of Grand Instructor George B. Brighton. He and the Deputies are given much praise for their excellent work and zeal. He reports that "there is a general improvement in the Ritual and Esoteric Work."

The report of each Deputy on conditions in his district is printed.

M. E. Companion Charles D. McCracken presents his first report as Grand Secretary. All fifty-eight Chapters have filed their Annual Reports and paid their dues. The net gain in membership is 40, whereas it was 238 in 1927. A report states: "Prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in this state is a matter of satisfaction." Taken altogether Capitular Masonry is very much alive in New Jersey.

Many of the speeches of the visitors are printed. Grand High Priest Kunzig, of Pennsylvania, gives us this earnest thought: "Every man has a train of thought on which he rides when he is alone; and the worth of his life to himself and others, as well as his happiness, depend upon the direction in which that train is going, the baggage it carries and the country through which it travels. Achievement, like character, is caught, so whenever possible let your train form contacts and go in the direction where the kind of associations made will build up the ideals and truths taught in Masonry."

The Committee on Charity report "that no business had come before them for consideration." This is strange. Of course we do not know the circumstances but it would appear that the people of New Jersey are very fortunate or else the Committee did not look very far.

Rev. A. Boylan Fitz-Gerald one of the two Grand Chaplains is the writer of the Capitular Review. Needless to say it is excellent. He gets the pith of each Grand Chapter's activities makes many comments but not a great deal of quotation. He gives Alberta kindly and generous attention. He says "There is no High Priesthood that we were able to discover." Yes, we have that Order but it is entirely separate from Grand Chapter affairs. Our chief officer of the Chapter is a First Principal, not a High Priest, so the connection is not so close as in the Jurisdictions of the United States.

58 Chapters. 20,511 members. Net gain, 40.

E.G.I.

NEW YORK

1929

The One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York was held in the City of Albany on Tuesday, February 5th, A.L. 2459, A.D. 1929.

The total attendance was 625, 221 of the 229 Chapters being represented.

We note that the Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Samuel S. Forster, attended the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and in the course of his remarks stated that this gave him an opportunity to visit the Province of his birth, and being officially received in the Grand Chapter of his mother Chapter, Hiram No. 2, of Hamilton, Ontario, in which his was exalted 38 years ago.

The address of the Grand High Priest dealt almost exclusively with his year's activities. He, however, referred at some length to "Tuberculosis Relief," a work to which this Grand body gives special attention. There is also a comprehensive report by the committee in charge. A careful perusal of these might possibly give other Grand Chapters some useful hints.

The address of the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Charles D. Moughton, on "American Manhood" gives much food for thought. It must have been an inspiration to all who had the privilege of listening to it. We would recommend that companions obtain a copy for perusal.

Alberta Grand Chapter gets favorable comment save for a remark regarding the delay in forwarding a copy of its Proceedings. Respecting the address of the Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion McNab, they say: "An address which we wish every Royal Arch Mason could read. Any effort on our part to praise would be like an attempt to add perfume to the violet."

229 Chapters. 72,002 members. Net loss, 421.

Wm. R. Condit, Grand High Priest.

Chas. C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.

H.S.

NEW YORK

1930

The One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York was held in the City of Albany on February 4th 1930.

M. E. Companion William R. Condit presided and was supported by fourteen Past Grand High Priests.

E. Companion Roy H. Service Alberta's Representative was present.

Distinguished visitors were greeted from the following: General Grand Chapter Grand Chapters of Canada, Quebec, Kansas, Delaware, Ohio, Michigan, Oklahoma, New Jersey, Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Massachusetts, as well as the various Grand Bodies of New York State.

Five duly elected High Priests were disqualified from presiding over their Chapters on account of not receiving the order of High Priesthood.

We make the following excerpt from the address of the Grand High Priest:

"There appears to be no doubt that we are going through a period of natural reaction following the years immediately succeeding the

world war when men clamored at our doors seeking admission in great numbers. The curious, the seeker for material gain, and the fair weather friend have left us. There remain the best in Royal Arch Masonry the true believer the Royal Arch Mason and not the mere member of a Royal Arch Chapter. We have gone through a purging process that has purified the Royal Craft."

The order of High Priesthood was conferred on a class of fifty-eight candidates and later on a further class of one hundred and twenty-nine.

There is no review of the Proceedings of Alberta

Total General Permanent and Tuberculous relief \$356,198.24.

229 Chapters. Membership, 70,958. Decrease, 1,044.

Chauncey B. Hammond, Grand High Priest.

Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

NEW ZEALAND

The Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand was held at Palmerston on February 21st, 1929, at which M. E. Companion Sir Charles Ferguson First Grand Principal, presided.

V. E. Companion R. W. Stiles, Alberta's Representative, was absent.

The Grand First Principal in his address referred to Foreign relations, so far as England and Scotland were concerned, and which might disturb the harmony with these Grand Bodies.

"The first matter is the petition that has been addressed to the Grand Chapter of England for the granting of a charter for the brethren of the English Constitution. This petition has not yet been granted. Frankly, I think it probably will be and equally frankly, I am afraid it will be preliminary to other similar charters being granted. I say no decision has been reached, but if a decision is made and the charter is granted, I want to point out that much as we regret this step being taken after so many years, there is no question of the perfect right of the Grand Chapter of England in the matter—no question at all."

"The second point has reference to our dispute with the Grand Chapter of Scotland. Since I took office I have thought it my duty to do something to find a way to effect a reconciliation. The fact that we are on the most friendly terms with our Scottish brethren, and Masonically we are at heart one, makes the breach which exists officially in New Zealand a real tragedy. Believing as I do that reconciliation would be heartily welcomed by all parties, I have endeavored to find a way towards it by instituting some private correspondence. With the concurrence of the Supreme Committee, I propose to refer again to this matter at a later stage, but I wish to express the hope that in our discussions we may all keep a careful guard upon our tongues so that nothing may be said that savors of bitterness and that the whole of our discussion may be characterized by dignity and moderation and that all thought and effort be directed to reaching a solution founded upon the points of brotherly love and unity, which are at once the foundation and support of our whole Masonic structure."

We would think that England and Scotland would allow New Zealand to be supreme within her own boundaries.

The motion again came up to provide that any companion, well qualified, is eligible for election as Grand First Principal, even if he is not a Past Master. We hope that the representative of Wellington Chapter will live to see his motion, or a similar one, carried.

67 Chapters. Membership, 4,031. Gain, 236.

G. S. Gordon, First Grand Principal.

Charles W. Nielsen, Grand Scribe E.

M.M.D.

NORTH CAROLINA

The Eighty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina was held at New Bern, May 14th, 1929.

M. E. Companion Walton C. Wicker, Grand High Priest presided.

E. Companion J. Edward Allen, Foreign Correspondent, was present and represented Alberta.

The Grand High Priest's Address contains very little of importance. Holding the position of Educational Field Secretary of Symbolic Masonry, evidently a salaried office, he felt it necessary to give considerable time to the latter and delegated others to perform the bulk of his Capitular duties. However, Grand Chapter presented him with a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel, so everybody seems happy.

Dispensations issued by the Grand High Priest "for holding elections of officers at other than a stated Convocation, following that stated Convocation named in the by-laws, for the election of officers" were disapproved of by the Jurisprudence Committee.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is one of the best it has been our privilege to review. From the "Preliminary Comment" to the statistical tables at the end, it is full of kindly criticism and contains information of great value to the student of Capitular Masonry. Five pages are devoted to Alberta. The Reviewer quotes freely from M. E. Companion McNab's address and from the oration given by M. E. Companion Middleton, and seems pleased with our system of procedure.

57 Chapters. 7,849 members. Loss, 216.

J.E.J.

NORTH DAKOTA

1928

The Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota was held at Fargo on January 24th and 25th, 1928.

R. E. Companion Walter R. Reed, who is the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry of North Dakota, responded for Alberta as our Grand Representative. He also was welcomed as a distinguished visitor.

Other special visitors were M. E. Companion Granger, Grand High Priest of South Dakota; R. E. Companion Moulden, Grand Scribe E., of Manitoba, and R. E. Companion Yorke, Grand Third Principal of Saskatchewan.

The Past Grand High Priests of this jurisdiction were presented to Grand Chapter, received and greeted, and it must have been a pleasing gesture to these ten faithful companions.

The address of Grand High Priest Forrest F. Vaughan dealt with matters mostly of interest to his own companions and cited his visits and activities. He stated that Grand Chapter had been spending over \$1,000 a year more than its income and that drastic measures must be taken to balance the budget; so Grand Chapter voted not to pay the per diem allowance to the delegates attending this Annual Convocation. The Grand Secretary requested that his salary be reduced from \$900 to \$720 a year for the present and the Correspondent's allowance reduced from \$250 to \$150. It was felt that this was better than to raise the dues to Grand Chapter.

One Chapter surrendered its charter.

M. E. Companion Vaughan had attended two annual Festivals at which the members of a Chapter, a Council of the Cryptic Rite and the Knights Templar had joined in one large gathering and over a period of three or four days had conferred all the degrees. The large attendance and excellent and impressive degree work had engendered much enthusiasm. It was decided to hold several more of these combined meetings in the coming year at the more central points of the State.

The Chapters in Manitoba and North Dakota interchange fraternal visits and the Grand High Priest mentions that 125 companions of Winnipeg had journeyed to Grand Forks Chapter on October 21st. Speaking of the degree work he says: "Our Canadian companions take their Masonry seriously and poor ritualistic work is seldom permitted."

Like so many present-day Grand High Priests he reports "There are conditions in several of our Chapters that are not satisfactory. We cannot have the support of our membership unless there is some effort put forth in the conferring of our degrees, and some program carried through to arouse interest."

The Report of Grand Secretary Walter L. Stockwell, that stalwart of Royal Arch Masonry, on the finances and membership was not a happy one. He says- "Our mode of living is changing. In business we have consolidation and it may be that this is the solution for Royal Arch Masonry."

This Grand Chapter is proud of its Educational Fund and much good has resulted from their loans to reliable students.

The tone of the reports of the six District Deputies was hopeful.

The Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address say: "We cannot too highly commend the frequent exchange of visits between Chapters, whether in our own state or with those in Canada."

M. E. Companion E. George Guthrie writes a complete and comprehensive Fraternal Review. We thank him for his generous and favorable comments on Alberta.

27 Chapters. 4,020 members. Net loss, 58.

E.G.I.

NORTH DAKOTA

1929

The Fortieth Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch-Masons of North Dakota was held at Fargo on January 22nd and 23rd, 1929.

R. E. Companion Walter R. Reed again represented Alberta.

Among the distinguished visitors was our own M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, Grand First Principal; also Grand First Principal Frank E. Simmons and Past Grand First Principal William B. Lawrence, of Manitoba; Grand Second Principal Joseph F. Yorke, of Saskatchewan; Grand High Priest William E. Pool, of Minnesota; and Past Grand High Priest Joseph Stanton, of South Dakota.

The Address of Grand High Priest Otto F. Hennings was not long. On account of the protracted and serious illness of his wife, he was able to visit but one Chapter besides his own.

Killdeer Chapter requested permission to surrender its Charter and transfer its membership to Columbian Chapter, which Grand Chapter sanctioned. This Grand Chapter has one reception to which some Grand Jurisdictions would not agree. Mrs. Kate Guy, Grand Secretary of the Order of the Eastern Star and wife of R. E. Companion Arthur P. Guy, Grand Captain of the Host, on behalf of the Grand Matron was welcomed and presented the Grand High Priest with a beautiful basket of flowers.

The finances for the year were in a more satisfactory state. Grand Secretary Walter L. Stockwell again reported a loss in membership, due mainly to the dissolution of Leeds Chapter, as many of its 61 members did not affiliate with another Chapter. He advised that, in future, whenever a Chapter is dissolved, its membership be transferred to another Chapter. However, he feels that on the whole this was a better year than the preceding one. Grand Chapter is carrying over \$850 in warrants for five Chapters whose funds, temporarily, are short. The Finance Committee complain that the Chapters are failing to redeem these promptly. (We think this is poor business. Chapters whose dues are only \$2.00 to \$3.50 per annum should increase their dues. These rates at one time may have been sufficient, but the value of the dollar being much less now than it was several years ago, the dues should be raised accordingly.) He believes that we must keep pace in our Chapters with the rapidly changing world of business and finance. Our problems are no more formidable than those in other fields of human activity, but we do not tackle them in an effective way.

The Educational Fund, hereafter to be known as the Educational Foundation, shows another profitable year.

The Reports of the six District Deputies were found generally to be fair.

A Special Committee on Survey had been appointed and were certainly active. Some of their recommendations might be considered drastic, but they appeared to know what was best and their Report, in the main, was adopted. They say that owing to low prices in agricultural products, which affected other business, this Jurisdiction felt the pinch. The Committee found the Masonic Bodies running in the way they did twenty or more years ago—charging the same fees for degrees and the same annual dues. The ritualistic work was frequently indifferent; there was no well-worked-out programme of activities. So, in view of the changed order of things in social, business, industrial and economic life, Masonry must adopt new principles of efficiency. They found that from 9 per cent in one Chapter to 60 per cent in another of available Master Masons were Royal Arch Masons. In the case of the 9 per cent it would appear that this Chapter was not taking advantage of its opportunities. The committee compiled a table showing the percentage available for each Chapter, so each could see exactly where it stood. The annual dues were as follows: Four Chapters at \$2.00, ten at \$3.00, one at \$3.50, ten at \$4.00 and two at \$5.00. The degree fees were from \$40 to \$50, with one at \$60.00. The Grand Chapter dues are \$1.00 per member, which leaves little for rent, entertainment, etc. It was recommended that Casselton Chapter surrender its charter and consolidate with Keystone Chapter and that Mystic Chapter surrender its charter and its members elect join one of three nearby Chapters. Action on this was deferred one year on the condition that the Grand High Priest use his best endeavors to have the recommendation carried into effect. Three other consolidations were mentioned, but no action was taken.

The Committee advised that every Chapter have a committee to—(1) approach Master Masons to join the Chapter; (2) assist the Secretary to collect dues; (3) pass upon cases up for N.P.D. They think it of little use to get new members and not retain them.

They recommended that degree teams be organized to continue as such in the Chapter indefinitely, instead of each new officer learning a new part each year. However, each officer must know his part in opening and closing ceremonies.

They recommend that certain convocations be made special, big nights—Past Officer Night, Installation Night, Royal Arch Degree Night, etc. They believe that every Chapter can with profit and propriety hold meetings for work in neighboring towns where lodges of Masons are located.

They recommended (and it was adopted) that an instructor be appointed who would hold a School of Instruction in each Chapter, at least once in every two years.

A motion to make the minimum dues \$3.00 per annum, unfortunately did not receive the required two-third majority.

M. E. Companions Selwood, of Alberta, Simmons, of Manitoba, and Pool, of Minnesota, were elected Honorary Members of North Dakota Grand Chapter. M. E. Companion Selwood, in expressing thanks, spoke very effectively.

M. E. Companion Guthrie says he endeavored to condense his Fraternal Review, but we note with satisfaction, that Alberta receives its usual kindly notice.

26 Chapters. 3,948 members. Net loss, 72.

E.G.I.

NORTH DAKOTA

1930

The Forty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota was held at Fargo, January 28th and 29th, 1930.

M. E. Companion Blanding Fisher, Grand High Priest.

E. Companion Walter R. Reed representing Alberta.

The keynote of the Grand High Priest's Address is "Leadership." Two outstanding examples of good leadership, are quoted in cases where Chapters and Lodges were almost dormant, but were revived to active work by men who knew what was expected of them and did it, not by solo work, but by "efficient and enthusiastic" leadership. We believe that herein lies the answer to the question so much heard in Masonic circles: "Why do we lose so many members by suspension and withdrawal?" Cut out the jewelry chasers and put men in office who think that the honor of doing something worth while is sufficient recompense.

With a leader such as the Grand High Priest, backed by the Grand Secretary and others, North Dakota is bound to change the loss column to that of gain.

M. E. Companion E. George Guthrie is North Dakota's Fraternal Correspondent. His annual review is worthy of close attention even though Alberta failed to arrive on time.

27 Chapters. 3,854 members. Loss, 94.

J.E.J.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Sixtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia was held in Freemasons' Hall, City of Sydney, the 11th of June, 1929, A.L. 2459.

M. E. Grand High Priest Joseph R. Murray presided.

Alberta was not represented.

In his address the M. E. Grand High Priest deals briefly with his visitations. His various decisions were along the lines followed here in Alberta.

The reports of committees are interesting, that of the Special committee "Service to Humanity" was laid over until the next Annual Convocation. It would appear from the report that they had considered this subject—from every angle and recommended that an assessment of a definite amount per capita be made to assist advanced pupils who are unable themselves to finance post graduate courses. We heartily commend the companions for their benevolent recommendation.

The report of the Board of Ritual was, to say the least, a disappointment to us in the Western jurisdiction. They refused to recommend any change in their ritual. We realize here how desirable it would be to have a uniform Canadian Ritual. Surely, as we are British in our Masonic, as well as in our political origin, it should not be very

difficult to make the necessary changes in the titles and the closing ceremonies to correspond to those of the Mother Country, which we believe to be historically correct. It would appear that their oldest Chapter, of whose ancestry and age, they are so justly proud, being the oldest in the British Empire, outside of England, was chartered by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England in 1780. This in itself should be an incentive to follow the procedure of the Mother Country rather than that of a younger and foreign one.

Number of Chapters, 20, of which 15 were represented.

Membership 2,563, showing a loss of 70.

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OHIO

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio was held in the City of Canton, October 2nd and 3rd, 1929.

M. E. Companion Carl W. Sperling, Grand High Priest, presided, and was supported by nineteen Past Grand High Priests.

Alberta's Representative, M. E. Companion Irving W. Stafford, of Cleveland, was present and active in the proceedings.

Distinguished visitors were present from the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapters of Michigan, Canada and Pennsylvania, as well as Ohio Grand Commandery and Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

We excerpt from Grand High Priest's Address:

"Companions, I feel no concern whatever, because of the loss in membership this year. We should not be concerned about quantity but real quality in membership only. If a member is not interested enough in Capitular Masonry to pay the very small amount of yearly dues, then he is not a good Mason and we do not count him on our membership roll.

If those of us who are now enrolled and obligated in the cause of Capitular Masonry will prove in our daily lives and conduct to our friends and neighbors everywhere the honor and glory there is in serving God and man under the banner of Capitular Masonry, and if we honestly try to achieve the very best of our possibilities as Masons, to be benefactors to mankind, then indeed will our dividend be great."

Appeals were received from the Masonic Service Association regarding distress in Porto Rico and Florida. Also an appeal for help from the Grand Chapter of Alabama for those who had suffered in the flood area. Both these requests were replied to with sincere regrets as no fund existed for these purposes. This matter is receiving the attention of other Grand Chapters as well as Alberta. Many think there should be a contingent fund for purposes of relief and emergencies.

Ohio does not publish a review of Proceedings of other jurisdictions.

209 Chapters. Membership, 80,029. Decrease 888.

William H. Tateman, Grand High Priest.

Mont. C. Hambright, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

OKLAHOMA

The Fortieth Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma was held at Sapulpa on April 17th and 18th, 1929.

Among the forty-eight Grand Representatives welcomed was Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion Edward P. Gallup for Alberta.

The Address of M. E. Companion Thos. B. Frenzley, a thorough business man and a rancher, was complete and full of interest. He believes in activity to encourage progress in Capitular affairs, stating that "it requires the constant and active attention of someone in the field." Although Grand Chapter had not gained, numerically, during the year, a fact of encouragement was the large number of reinstatements.

One of his decisions was that a Chapter could not receive and act on an application for affiliation unless accompanied with a demit. (This we allow, if the companion has a Certificate of Standing.) A number of his dispensations would not have been granted in Alberta, such as "to receive and ballot on petitions without regard to time;" also several "to receive, elect and confer the degrees at a special meeting." (Why all this at one meeting?) One new Chapter was instituted on December 5th, 1928, with eighteen charter members. When Grand Chapter met they had exalted thirty-four candidates. (That is good work if the material was good.) One charter was arrested.

Most of the twenty-one District Deputies report that the outlook was good and the officers were more proficient in their work. Early in the winter the Grand High Priest sent out a circular letter with the intention of stimulating the activities of the Craft. I quote part of it: "Why is Royal Arch Masonry? If it exists merely to make its members better men, it is not necessary, for the Church does that; if its mission is to confer degrees to multiply itself, it is even behind guinea pigs and sparrows for they do as much; if it is merely to furnish amusement, the 'nigger band', or such, can do as well or better." He thinks "it should exist as an instrument to better mankind by some other means not being done by other agencies."

The Grand Chapter finances are in fine condition. All Chapters have made annual returns and paid the dues.

It was decided, in conjunction with the Royal and Select Masters, to employ a Grand Lecturer at a good salary.

The Jurisprudence Committee decided that as the Past Master Degree was a requisite to the succeeding degrees, a companion of Pennsylvania could not sit in any of their Chapters until he had received that degree.

The previous Grand Convocation had authorized a Relief Survey Committee to make a minute survey of the State and find all needy or ill brethren or their families. A great work had been done, but the Committee was not yet satisfied that they had done all that was possible.

Grand Chapter has a large Educational Loan Fund, showing over \$52,000 disbursed.

The Committee on Charters, commenting on the large net loss of members, hoped that the Chapters had now cleared their rosters of worthless members.

This Jurisdiction has a real live Secretaries' Association.

Past Grand High Priest Eugene Hamilton writes a very fine Review, using his own words in compiling it, with comments, and very few quotations. Alberta receives favorable mention. Commenting on Queensland he urges the removal of the barrier which provides that a First Principal must have been a Past Master of a Craft Lodge, and says, "If a man can be good enough to be given the promotion for a 10s. 6d. dispensation, he surely is good enough to get that promotion without it."

77 Chapters. 13,580 members. Net loss, 753.

E.G.I.

OREGON

The Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon was held at La Grande on April 8th, 1929:

Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by M. E. Companion Thomas Sims, Grand High Priest.

Alberta's Representative was absent.

The Grand High Priest of Washington State, M. E. Companion James H. Johnson, being present, was formally presented and received with Grand Honors.

Grand High Priest Sims modestly regrets that he had failed to accomplish many of the things that he had hoped to accomplish, but from his records we feel that the companions of Oregon were quite satisfied that he had been a successful leader. Feeling that there is a falling off in interest and attendance at meetings, he suggests that the Chapters should support a Royal Arch Widows and Orphans Fund in the form of Life Insurance.

He also suggests that boys who have been sent to the State Training School through some transgression of the law should be looked after by a Grand Chapter Committee, which would work in conjunction with the manager of the school, so that the boys may be helped to become respected and useful citizens.

If either of the above suggestions are worked out to a successful conclusion M. E. Companion Sims will have accomplished something that will make his memory revered long after he has passed on.

Committees will be appointed by his successor to report at next Grand Convocation.

"Whoso shall receive one such little child in My Name receiveth Me."

"Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven, that one of these little ones should perish."

During the afternoon session Companion William Wallace Youngson, Grand Orator, delivered a splendid address on "The Temple of Character." It makes delightful reading and we heartily recommend its perusal to our companions.

In his introductory remarks in the Capitular Proceedings the Chairman comments unfavorably on the so-called "Past Master Degree" and we unite with him in his opinion that this "misrepresentation" should be abandoned. His ideas on a remedy for the present bugaboo, "loss of membership," are sound. Here they are:—

"The loss in membership still causes worry to a number of Grand High Priests and Grand Chapters, and much has been written as to the cause of this loss. The causes ascribed are many and run from unfit material to the condition of the times. Automobiles, radios, movies, noon-day clubs, civic clubs, and last but not least the many bodies lasing their membership upon Masonic membership. All of these things take money and it is felt that much of the loss in membership is due to the cost of these diversions. If our Masonic Bodies do not offer that which will be more interesting to our members than other organizations can we expect them to stay when other places give what they desire?"

"The remedy can be summed up in very few words. Better choice of men for officers and more study on the part of officers to make Chapter convocations interesting and the putting to work of all the companions possible."

Three pages are devoted to Alberta. The reviewer is complimentary at all times, paying special attention to M. E. Companion McNab's Address and his refusal of dispensations to rush candidates.

We thank Companion Haines for his personal note re our removal from Alberta. We are at this time simply filling in on an S.O.S. call.

50 Chapters. 7.107 members. Gain, 21.

J.E.J.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was held at Philadelphia on December 27th, 1929.

Four Quarterly Communications were held on March 7th, June 6th, September 5th and December 5th.

Our Grand Representative, Owen W. Metzgar, did not appear at any of the communications.

The Quarterly meetings attend to financial affairs and a Committee on Chapter By-Laws pass on all the amendments thereto, thus relieving the Grand High Priest of that duty. The December Quarterly seems to be the most important one, judging by the large attendance of distinguished visitors and Chapter companions. The Grand Chapter officers are elected at this meeting. On this occasion the Grand Officers were re-elected.

Intervisiting of nearby Jurisdictions in the Eastern States seems to be greatly indulged in, no doubt with much profit and pleasure to all. At this Annual Convocation there were present the Grand High Priests of New York, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Ohio, New Hampshire, Maine, Canada, Nebraska, Delaware, West Virginia, Quebec and Wyoming.

Grand High Priest August P. Kunsig's Address at the Annual Convocation showed that he had spent an active and a profitable year. He had attended all the twenty-six District Meetings, as well as visited a number of Chapters. He also attended the Grand Convocations of Delaware, New York, Canada, Rhode Island, Quebec, Maine, New Jersey, Ohio, Vermont, West Virginia and Massachusetts.

The District Deputies appear to continue in office as long as they desire for we find R. E. Companion Peter Barkey retiring after thirty-seven years' service as such. What a fine record. The Grand High Priest says that the District Meetings were of a "very high order, the interest excellent and the work unusually well done."

One of his decisions was "that when a Committee on Inquiry (we suppose he means what we call a Committee of Investigation on an application) fails to report within four months, as required by Constitution, the High Priest shall declare the petition null and void."

He "set aside the action of a Chapter in conferring the Royal Arch Degree on six brethren less than four weeks after conferring of the Mark Degree, in violation of the Constitution."

He refused permission for a Chapter to confer the Mark Degree in another town, as "the warrant of the Chapter specially fixes the place of meeting of the Chapter as Meyersdale or within three miles thereof."

He wrote a letter to each Chapter quoting part of the Foreword of M. E. Companion Core's Foreign Review of 1928, which states that the loss of membership in many Chapters is said to be due to the poor services of the Secretary. The Secretary is not expected to be a collector. His duties are to receive dues. He thinks the Secretary is the most overworked and underpaid of all officers. His advice is to make as much effort to retain a companion as to get his petition.

The Order of High Priesthood in Pennsylvania is conferred only at the installation of a High Priest.

The Correspondence Review is written by five Companions: Past Grand High Priest John M. Core gives Alberta a good review. He has this to say: "R. E. Companion Wentzel's itemized report of the financial condition, in its detail, would do credit to an expert accountant." (Well, in every day life, that is what our Grand Scribe E. is.) The whole review is a good one. We find this in the Foreword: "We believe Freemasonry was never more alive, active and useful to humanity than at the present moment."

153 Chapters. 61,575 members. Net loss, 177.

2 Mark Lodges, 171 members.

E.G.I.

QUEBEC

1928

The Fifty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec was held in the City of Montreal on March 28th, 1928, M. E. Companion A. B. J. Moore, Grand First Principal, presiding.

Alberta's Grand Representative, M. E. Companion W. J. Edward, was present and installed as Grand First Principal. At this late hour we congratulate M. E. Companion Edwards.

Four Past Grand First Principals were present.

M. E. Companion E. T. D. Chambers, Past Grand First Principal, presents his forty-first annual report as Foreign Correspondent. Alberta was not reviewed.

Among the Dispensations issued was one to install a First Principal who had not served as Worshipful Master of a Symbolic Lodge. Alberta's Constitution does not provide that a First Principal must serve as Worshipful Master in a Craft Lodge.

During the year M. E. Companion The Right Honorable The Earl of Cassillis, First Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, paid a visit to the Province of Quebec. He was tendered a luncheon by the Companions of Montreal and later visited the Orthopaedic Hospital.

23 Chapters. Membership, 3,722. Increase, 166.

W. J. Edwards, Grand First Principal.

W. W. Williamson, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

QUEBEC

1929

The Fifty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec was held at Montreal on March 27th, 1929.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by M. E. Companion W. J. Edwards, Grand First Principal and the Representative of Alberta.

The Grand First Principal reports an increase in membership and in finances. He compliments the District Superintendents on their good work and recommends Schools of Instruction. Altogether his report is plain and businesslike and worthy of the following remarks from his Grand Committee:

"We desire, in conclusion, to give expression to our great satisfaction that so far as health permitted, our Grand First Principal has rendered a conscientious fulfilment of the duties of his high and important office, and that he has at all times, endeavoured to impress upon the Companions, the true meaning of Masonry and the inculcation of the Principles of the Holy Royal Arch."

Districts Nos. 1 and 2 held a joint Church Service on Sunday, January 20th, in the Church of St. James the Apostle. E. Companion (Rev. Canon) Allan P. Shatford delivered an inspiring address. The collection, combined with contributions from the various Chapters, amounted to four hundred and twenty-three dollars and fifty-eight cents. This amount was divided between the Children's Memorial Hospital and the All Masons Auxiliary Hospital Fund.

The Report of Foreign Correspondence by M. E. Companion E. T. D. Chambers gives a full page to our Convocation of 1928. He quotes from the Address of M. E. Companion McNab and extends his thanks to M. E. Companion Middleton for his "kind review" of Quebec, 1927.

3,804 members. 23 Chapters, Gain, 82.

J.E.J.

QUEENSLAND

A Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held in the City of Brisbane, on January 29th, 1930. This was a joint Grand Convocation in which the following two Grand Bodies met: "The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland and The Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Queensland." The purpose of this Convocation was the amalgamation of the two Grand Chapters under the style and name of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland.

Greetings and congratulations were received from the Grand Chapters of Western Australia, New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria, Florida and New Zealand.

From the Proceedings of Queensland we note Scotland still has a few Chapters in New South Wales which are not affiliated with the Grand Chapter in that Australian state. Scotland should give way in this matter.

Alberta congratulates the companions of Queensland on the amalgamation of the two Grand Chapters and we pray that the future will hold much in store for Capitular Masonry in that far distant part of our Empire.

The treaty or articles of union was signed by the two sitting First Grand Principals and acclaimed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies. The companions present raised their right hands and said: "We do accept, ratify, and confirm the same."

The officers of the new Grand Chapter were chosen from both the old bodies.

We excerpt from M. E. Companion R. N. F. Quinn's closing address:

"I take this opportunity of expressing my joy in this union, the result of many years' work; I look upon its realization as the crown of my Masonic career.

"I have to thank the companions of both Grand Chapters, now happily united, who worked so loyally with me throughout. Also all those who have contributed to the success of this evening's historic ceremonial. I confidently count on their active assistance in the future as in the past."

R. N. F. Quinn, First Grand Principal.

J. St. C. Bernard, Grand Scribe E.

M.M.D.

SASKATCHEWAN

1928

The Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan was held at Saskatoon on February 29th, 1928.

A Special Convocation had been held at Regina on November 10th, 1927, to receive the Right Honourable the Earl of Cassillis, First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. The distinguished visitor was made an Honorary Life Member of Saskatchewan.

Our Grand Representative, R. E. Companion J. C. Moore, who is also Grand Treasurer, was present to respond for Alberta at the Annual Convocation. He is always faithful.

M. E. Companion Frank E. Simmons, Grand First Principal of Manitoba, was a distinguished visitor.

The Address of the Grand First Principal, J. Orville Clarke, was full and complete and gave his companions a fine account of his doings. He had been a good visitor and the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry said: "He has performed his duties so well that we can say to his successor:—

"To you from faithful hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high."

Speaking of the companions who had passed the White Veil, he has this beautiful thought:—

"They have wandered into some unknown land,
Leaving us dreaming; how very fair
It needs must be, since they linger there."

He commissioned the Grand Second and Grand Third Principals to make some visits for him.

His recommendation that a District Convocation be held in each District once a year was approved by Grand Chapter. We feel sure they will find this of great benefit.

He reported arranging for R. E. Companion J. C. Moore to visit our Grand Chapter on his behalf. This, and like visitations caused him to say that "harmonious and cordial relations continue with these Sister Grand Bodies." (Very true.)

A petition for a new Chapter had been received but conditions did not appear to be favorable and a dispensation was not granted.

The outstanding event of the year he mentioned was the visit of M. E. Companion the Earl of Cassillis, on which occasion the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a highly creditable manner by Wascana Chapter, No. 1, of Regina.

With regard to Capitular Masonry in Saskatchewan, he "concluded that it was in a harmonious and fairly prosperous condition, and had no hesitation in expressing optimism for the future."

Notice of Motion having been given, Grand Chapter reduced the number of Districts from seven to five, which would seem to be about the right number for their twenty-six Chapters.

Grand Scribe E., Francis B. Reilly, whom all agree to be the right man in the right place, reports that there was no matter outstanding between Grand Chapter and its constituent Chapters, and that letters and reports had been better compiled and more prompt than hitherto. He is the Foreign Correspondence Reviewer and gives Alberta a kindly and gracious review.

All of the seven Grand Superintendents submit Reports showing that they had fulfilled their duties with fidelity and zeal. The Chapters are in good condition and flourishing, the prospects for them being—one splendid, one fine, seventeen good, five fair, one fairly good and one improving.

A charitable act was the equipping of a ward in the local hospital at a cost of \$550 by the Chapter at Assiniboia.

Grand Chapter voted to do away with the offices of Grand Lecturer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Masters of the Veils and Grand Standard Bearer, and have instead five Grand Stewards.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals, having nothing to consider, decided that this indicated not only harmony but wise government.

Grand Chapter made a regulation "that all Chapters raise their fees to an amount sufficient for the Chapters to carry on their business properly."

26 Chapters. 2,602 members. Net gain, 34.

E.G.I.

SASKATCHEWAN

1929

The Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan was held at Regina on February 20th, 1929.

Alberta's Grand Representative, R. E. Companion J. C. Moore, had the pleasure of introducing M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, our Grand First Principal.

A unique event in Western Canada was the presence of the Grand First Principals of all the four Western Provinces.

The Address of the Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion A. A. Wilson, was not lengthy, but showed that he had spent an active year. He found a true Masonic spirit prevailing in the Chapters he had visited and all appeared to be prosperous. It was said of him, "that his close friendly contact with the Chapters had helped much to promote this work," and "his genial smile and good-natured prods had been valuable stimulants."

The Dispensations he issued would have been granted in our Jurisdiction.

One decision he made was that the distance between Chapters is as the crow flies, or "air-line measurement," which is according to Masonic custom.

One new Chapter was instituted at Regina, there being, previous to this, only one Chapter there. It was hoped that the new Chapter would stimulate the old one, which is by far the largest in Saskatchewan. The Grand Superintendent, in his report of the old Chapter, said, "The officers are capable if they apply themselves," and when the Royal Arch Degree was conferred it was "fairly well done," so it would appear that a little stimulation would be helpful.

The five Grand Superintendents gave good reports. All were fairly active in the discharge of their duties. Only one Chapter (at Arcola) seems to be a cause for concern. The writer's knowledge of this community is that it is a prosperous one, and we cannot see any reason why a Chapter should not thrive there. Sheba Chapter at Kamsack has forty members, of whom five are non-residents. During the year they had twelve meetings with an average attendance of thirty. Certainly a fine record. One Superintendent was unable to visit any Chapter but his own; however, he arranged to have R. E. Companions visit the other Chapters for him and submit a report. One Chapter he could not arrange for, but stated that, as the Grand First Principal had visited this one, he was familiar with the conditions there. The Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry commented (quite rightly) that "the Grand First Principal could not be expected to function as a Grand Superintendent." We would say that to ascertain the "conditions" of a Chapter was only one of the objects of a Superintendent. The stimulus of his visits and his counsel and advice is always helpful.

Grand Scribe E. Francis B. Reilly still comes in for much praise, being an active Mason and a good adviser. He is the Foreign Correspondent and his Reviews, though concise (he calls them notes), contain the essential points of the activities of each Grand Chapter.

Only two Chapters were not represented in Grand Chapter.

27 Chapters. 2,632 members. Net gain, 30.

E.G.I.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina was held at Sumter on April 24th, 1929.

M. E. Companion John D. Lee, Grand High Priest, presided.

M. E. Companion William A. Giles, Alberta's Representative, was present.

The Grand High Priest referred to the loss by death of M. E. Companion James L. Michie, one of the outstanding Fraternal Correspondents of Masonry. Companion Michie was born in Lossiemouth, Scotland, March 9th, 1860, and came to America in 1887, settling in South Carolina. He took an active interest in all branches of Masonry and was widely known in the Masonic world through his splendid Reports on Fraternal Correspondence.

Alberta joins in sympathy with our South Carolina brethren in the loss of a true Mason.

We quote from the Grand High Priest's Address the following "Condition of the Rite":

"We have again sustained a net loss in membership. Our finances, however, are in a very sound condition. A decrease in membership necessarily means a falling off in revenue, and, unless we soon regain the losses in members, we shall have to curtail our annual budget. With respect to the losses, I would invite your earnest attention to pronouncements on this subject recently made by two eminent Masonic authorities. One said:

'The great loss by suspension for non-payment of dues may be a blessing in disguise. It may mean the natural sifting out of the unfit, and the unthinking who swept into Freemasonry in the past few years. It may simply be the recession which follows all hysteria such as we went through from 1914 to 1920.'

"The other made this observation:

"'We are all having this difficulty, but it seems to be generally conceded that the getting back to real normalcy is the cause. The World War seems to have almost disappeared from view, but unquestionably its effects are still being felt by fraternal societies everywhere, and, of course, Freemasonry cannot escape. Let us hope that the end is here or near.'

"We believe that since Masonry is only a human institution, it must be governed by those immutable principles which control all of the affairs of this life. We have our sorrows as well as our joys—misfortunes as well as successes. We know that life is not always a broad, smooth path bordered with roses, but that there are "rough and rugged roads" which must be traversed. And as the tides continually ebb and flow, so must the influence and prestige of an Order such as ours rise and fall. Adversity often serves to steel the heart and fire the soul. Capitular Masonry will survive, and those who are faithful to its sublime teachings and true to its highest ideals will receive the blessing that it bestows."

His decisions and rulings were, from our standpoint, correct and according to Masonic usage.

R. E. Companion Geo. T. Harmon is the new Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee and we welcome him to the Ancient and Honorable Order of Scribes. He gives almost two pages to Alberta's 1928 Convocation and is favorably impressed with M. E. Companion McNab. He says:—

"The address of the Grand First Principal contains sentiments, the embracing and carrying out of which might solve some of the grave problems confronting Capitular Masonry today," and quotes freely from his Address.

He believes that "dispensations granted to hold elections at other than the regular time, the only reason assigned being that a quorum was not present at the regular time" means "continued carelessness on the part of the Chapter."

He also believes that "holding Convocations at other than the regular place of meeting would work a surprise in the increase of interest among the Chapters." Well, this Correspondent does not agree that Chapters should take expeditionary tours, but the Grand Chapter of Alberta has decided to give them a trial, so we wait for favorable results.

The Committee on Correspondence is complimented: "The work is well done." It could not be otherwise. Companion Harmon, with Companion Middleton as Chairman.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Fortieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota was held at Mitchell, June 13th, 1929.

M. E. Companion E. T. Terwilliger, Grand High Priest.

Alberta, unfortunately, was not represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest shows that he was mindful of his duties at all times. He was an indefatigable worker, visited all his Chapters and completed a program to beat which his successors in office will have to step "high and handsome."

If space were available we would quote his address almost in full. We must content ourselves with a paragraph on our duty as Masons:—

"Masonry is the most wonderful fraternal organization the World has ever known. The proof lies in the fact that it still exists after passing through all the ages, where empires, kingdoms, and provinces have perished and even the rulers have ceased to be remembered, therefore, as members of that organization, we should be so proud, feel so honored, that no task, it matters not how difficult should ever be neglected or evaded. It should be not only our duty but our pleasure to perform any service for Masonry, that will in some small way, at least, testify to the love and respect we owe the institution for having so generously accepted us. Let us show in our lives true veneration for the lofty teaching of the institution. There is nothing that will so effectually increase the prestige of Masonry in the eyes of the World, as that living witness, to be found in the upright Mason. Our Order is not a religion, it is not a creed, nor is it a sect. It formulates no ritual of life, nor asserts any principles of government, it concerns itself not with forms, which change and perish, but with the growth, expansion and development of the individual soul, believing that there lies the true source of health, and strength in society and there abides that breathing, quickening spirit, which controls the life of men.

"It should be understood that Royal Arch Masonry is not a stepping stone to some supposedly higher degree, or something that has been attached to Ancient Craft Masonry, but that it is a part of that Ancient Body, although working under an organization of its own."

Companion Geo. O. Goodman was appointed Reviewer of Proceedings in the place of Companion Robert S. Hart who resigned. We welcome Companion Goodman to the "Ink and Paste Brigade." In his first Review he gives Alberta almost a page, quoting freely from M. E. Companion McNab's splendid address.

41 Chapters. 5,803 members. Loss, 290.

J.E.J.

TENNESSEE

1928

The Ninety-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee was held in Nashville, January 23rd, 1928, A.L. 2458, M. E. Companion Charles F. Bunberry, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests were present.

Alberta was represented by Companion F. E. Bartley.

M. E. Companion Early H. Johnson, General Grand Master of the First Veil of the General Grand Chapter, Special Representative of the General Grand High Priest, was introduced by a committee of all the Past Grand High Priests, escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honors.

R. E. Companion I. J. Scharff, Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, was also escorted to the Altar and introduced.

The Grand High Priest's address is notable for its brevity.

The Dispensations granted were along the customary lines followed here.

His refusal to permit a Chapter to use a photograph of the Charter instead of the original, which was deposited in a bank vault, was concurred in by the Jurisprudence Committee. One might wonder why Chapters will make such requests.

He made twenty-one visitations; the other visits were made by Grand Chapter officers by request of the Grand High Priest.

His recommendation that the minimum dues of the Chapter be \$2.00 per annum was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence. If, as he says, some Chapters only charge \$1.00 dues per year, it surely cannot be inability to pay such dues that is the cause of so many suspensions. I wonder how the Chapters can finance on such an amount. We would surely like to learn how.

The minimum in this jurisdiction is \$3.00 for non-resident members, and an average of \$5.37 1-3 by Chapter for resident companions.

89 Chapters. 11,161 members. A loss of 106.

M. E. Companion C. H. Smart writes the Report on Correspondence.

A.M.

TENNESSEE

1929

The One Hundredth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee was held in Nashville, January 28th, 1929, A.L. 2459, M. E. Companion James I. Walker presiding.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were present.

Companion O. Frank Hart, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States was received in his own right as well as being the duly commissioned representative of M. E. Companion Charles Clark Davis, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. He was presented and introduced to Grand Chapter by a Committee of all the Past Grand High Priests of Tennessee, received with Grand Honors and escorted to the East. He addressed Grand Chapter, bringing greetings from the General

Grand High Priest for whom he expressed regrets that he could not be present.

The Grand High Priest in his address says: "Masonry is growing in power and beneficence. As its immortal principles take root in the fertile soil of the human heart and mind, it buds and blossoms in the foliage of kindness and fruit of charity toward all mankind. While the Masonic drone may be seen along the beautiful highways of Masonry there are many more today than ever before who are toiling in mind and heart in the treasure-strewn mines of Masonry's realm. Masonry today stands preeminently as a living, growing, resistless power whose end and aim is the exaltation of man and the glory of 'The I Am That I Am,' and emphasizes the truth that all labor is honorable and that he who would enter the sanctum sanctorum of Royal Arch Masonry must enter by self-denying toil."

He made many visits that no doubt greatly stimulated the companions and will bear fruit in future.

The Grand Chapter met a severe loss in the death of two Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companion Slager and M. E. Companion Smart. The latter was in charge of the Report on Correspondence and his splendid reviews will be missed greatly by those who have had the privilege of reading them.

M. E. Companion Smart passed to his reward on December 26th, 1928, having labored for sixty years for Masonry, twenty-two years of that time almost exclusively for the good of the Craft.

We note that the term of all Grand Representatives of Tennessee near other Grand Chapters will expire with the meeting of the General Grand Chapter. This, I presume, will be the custom with all future appointments.

89 Chartered Chapters, 1 under Dispensation. 10,981 members. A loss of 180.

A. M.

TENNESSEE

1930

The One Hundred and First Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee was held at Nashville, on January 27th, 1930, M. E. Companion Arthur G. Hudson, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Alberta's Grand Representative, M. E. Companion Frank E. Bartley was present.

On account of the severe losses through floods in the States of Alabama and Arkansas in addition to Tennessee, requests came for aid. M. E. Companion Young found there were no funds on which he could draw for such an emergency. He recommended that \$200.00 be set aside as a Special Fund for relieving distress. The Committee on Ways and Means concurred in this recommendation and the sum of \$500.00 was voted. \$250.00 also was placed at the disposal of the Educational Committee.

The Grand High Priest recommended "That this Grand Chapter take under advisement for serious consideration the need for every active companion for a copy of the ritual that he may call his own and the advisability of allowing the sale of rituals at a reasonable price, to be purchased through the Chapter to which the companion belongs, under the Seal of the Chapter." This recommendation is along right lines, and the Ritual Committee very wisely sent it along for adoption, as well as recommending nine rituals to be supplied to each Chapter.

We quote Article XLIX, Grand Chapter By-laws for the benefit of our Alberta companions:

'The Chapter of Tennessee condemns and forbids the purchase, sale or use within this Jurisdiction of all printed or written keys, ciphers, notes or characters of any kind whatsoever, purporting to be descriptive of the secret work, lectures or rituals of the four degrees of Capitular Masonry, except the one which has been officially adopted. The disregard of this prohibition shall be a Masonic offence, and the use of such misleading Ritual in any subordinate Chapter shall be a just cause for the arrest of Charter. Any High Priest permitting the use of any such Ritual shall be suspended from office by the Grand High Priest, and a commission of High Priests shall be appointed to try him for the offence."

We miss the review of Alberta.

90 Chapters. Membership, 10,528. Decrease, 453.

E. B. Duke, Grand High Priest.

Stith M. Cain, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

TEXAS

The Eightieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was held at Waco on December 2nd, 1929.

E. Companion J. D. Starks again answered at Roll Call as Alberta's Grand Representative.

Texas is one of the largest Grand Chapters and the attendance was almost four hundred companions.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion B. F. Brown, a man of 76 years of age, had been very energetic during his year. He was said to be a ritualist of high order and an indefatigable worker with a deeply spiritual nature. As he could not understand how any companion could let anything come before Masonry, he is rather critical of some of his Grand Officers. As in the previous year, we find that few (only twenty-five) of the 114 Grand visitors made a report. Like his predecessor he recommended that two Grand Lecturers be appointed, who would spend all their time in the work of Grand Chapter, but the Jurisprudence Committee did not approve and it appears no such appointments were made.

The number of Chapters is 303, or less than an average of three Chapters per Grand Visitor. He recommended that the number of Grand Visitors be reduced to about sixty, believing that more efficient service would be secured, but the Committee vetoed this also.

He visited seventy-two Chapters, giving his attention, mainly, to the weaker ones. Most of them responded to his efforts to revive them, but a few did not, and so he arrested the charters of nine. Many of the Chapters were found to have few assets and but little furniture, and in some the officers were unable to confer degrees. He constituted four new Chapters and instituted one.

As half of the exaltation fees of a candidate in the Chapter goes to Grand Chapter in lieu of all other dues, we find Grand Chapter is very wealthy. Loans are made to private individuals, so we notice that the Grand High Priest had many legal documents to execute.

One of his decisions was that a Chapter has the right to give of its funds to any laudable undertaking. He ruled that an applicant for affiliation, according to their Constitution, must visit the Chapter before his petition could be accepted. Thus a companion at a distance must have visited at some time before he could apply. He also ruled that a Chapter can elect officers by the system of nomination and that a secret ballot is not necessary unless two or more companions are nominated for the same office.

As in Alberta, a companion who is suspended in a Craft Lodge becomes automatically suspended in his Chapter and is restored when he again becomes in good standing in his Lodge.

Grand Chapter has charge of the Home for Aged Masons; Grand Lodge looks after a Masonic Home and School for children.

The Committee on Necrology gives us this beautiful thought:

"And if, through patient toil, we reach the land
Where tired feet, with sandals loosed, may rest,
When we shall clearly see and understand,
I think that we shall say, God knows the Best."

We were very pleased to find that we would again have the privilege of reading one of M. E. Companion Sam J. Helm's excellent Capitular Reviews. In his Foreword he says: "Masonry is in no danger from loss of members; it cannot perform its true function until it does lose a large number of those who can never be assimilated, who are not Masons at heart." (This is very true. We can give a Mason the chance to get More Light, but if he fails to take advantage of the opportunity, why chase him too much?) He thinks our greatest duty to the initiates is to thoroughly drill into them the fundamentals of Masonry. "A man of dwarfed spiritual nature can never measure up to the Masonic standard."

He gives Alberta a good, kindly review. His forcible, fearless, humorous comments are very entertaining and instructive. Writing about an orphan home he says: "When we find that 85 per cent of the criminals are under 25 years of age, it should not be necessary to tell any Mason why he should assist in the work of training children in the way in which they should walk." We wish we had space for more of his quotations.

303 Chapters. 42,875 members. Net loss, 351.

E.G.I.

UTAH

The Eighteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah was held at Ogden on May 13th, 1929.

Among the Grand Representatives present was R. E. Companion E. A. Tripp, for Alberta. He received the thanks of the Grand High Priest for his generous donation of beautiful scarlet tulips from his own garden to decorate the Chapter Room,

The Address of the Grand High Priest, Companion J. Warren Beless, was short and mostly of interest to his own companions. He had sent out a questionnaire to ascertain the number of degrees that could be conferred by the Kings and Scribes of the eight Chapters. The replies show that five Kings and three Scribes could confer all degrees; that two of the remaining Scribes could do one or more degrees. (We would say this was an excellent state of affairs.) He found all the officers doing good work, but criticized the delay between sections of the degrees, which was caused by the paraphernalia not being made ready and properly placed before starting. One Chapter appeared to be inactive and the Secretary stated "they had been compelled to leave Chapter open from one meeting to another as they could not be sure of a quorum." Of course this was declared to be contrary to the Constitution. The Grand High Priest recommended that the Constitution be changed to give the High Priest the right, if he so desired, to take a "collective" ballot, but Grand Chapter did not approve of it.

The printing of a Foreign Correspondence Review for this year was, by vote, dispensed with.

M. E. Companion Beless was presented with a beautiful watch in lieu of a Past Grand High Priest's jewel.

8 Chapters. 1,300 members. Net gain, 6.

E.G.I.

VERMONT

1929

The One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont was held at Burlington on June 11th, 1929.

M. E. Companion Arthur D. Young, Grand High Priest presided.

We missed the mention of R. E. Companion Howard H. Shufelt, Alberta's Representative being present.

Distinguished visitors were present from the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine and Quebec.

The Grand High Priest reports Whitney Chapter, No. 5, "suffering from a severe case of suspended animation" and the remedy was a change in the location of the Chapter. Alberta might take a leaf out of Vermont's book, for a similar state of affairs may be found in a couple of our districts.

Five Hundred Dollars was voted to the George Washington Memorial Fund.

M. E. Companion Young found time during the year to visit the sessions of the Grand Chapters of Maine and of Connecticut.

Alberta holds with Article 357 of Vermont's 1929 Digest of Masonic Law, which reads: "A Master Mason in good standing, holding a regular dimit, may apply for membership to any lodge in this State, no matter whether he resides within or without the state."

Next Grand Chapter Convocation will be held in the City of Burlington on June 10th, 1930.

Net assets, \$15,648.31.

31 Chapters. Membership, 5,932. Decrease, 24.

H. Perley Clark, Grand High Priest.

Archie S. Harriman, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

VERMONT

1930

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont was held in the City of Burlington on June 10th, 1930. M. E. Companion H. Perley Clark, Grand High Priest, presided.

We again missed the name of E. Companion Howard H. Shufelt, Alberta's Representative, among those present.

Distinguished visitors were present from Quebec, Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

The following decision is of some note:

Question.—A companion has been suspended for the non-payment of dues who owed for five years and one week.

Answer—As all dues are payable in advance I rule that the companion, by paying up dues for six years, can make application to the Chapter and be reinstated by a two-thirds vote of members present.

The Grand High Priest was active without as well as within his own jurisdiction. He visited the following Grand Chapters: Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, Quebec, Maine, Connecticut, New Jersey, New Hampshire, as well as the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts.

On a recommendation of the Finance Committee the per capita dues were raised by forty cents.

Alberta was not included in Vermont's review, which gives some attention to two subjects. One is the Past Master's Degree, and many reviewers consider that this degree in Capitular Masonry should be eliminated. Oregon's comment is: "That the degree has no historical value and is no part of Ancient Craft Masonry, and is, moreover, a misrepresentation, as it cannot make a Past Master and is therefore worthless."

Another subject commented on freely by Vermont is the decrease in membership. Texas comments as follows: "Masonry is in no danger from the loss of members; it cannot perform its true function until it does lose a large number of those who can never be assimilated. The danger lies in the possible actions which Grand Bodies may take in courting the favor of members who are not Masons at heart."

30 Chapters. Membership, 5,870. Decrease, 30.

Cady L. Earle, Grand High Priest.

Archie S. Harriman, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

VIRGINIA

The One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Virginia was held at Richmond, Virginia, October 22nd, 23rd, 1929.

M. E. Companion A. W. Obenshain, Grand High Priest.

Alberta was represented by R. E. Companion George C. Scarborough.

Among interesting items in the reports of the Grand High Priest and other Grand Chapter officers we note the following:

An appropriation of \$200 for each School (Chapter) of Instruction is set aside each year from the funds of Grand Chapter;

A fund known as the Hubbard Memorial Loan Fund, amounting to approximately \$5,000 per annum or \$20,000 altogether, is allocated to the assistance of children of Royal Arch Masons in pursuing higher education. We note twenty-five recipients of such loans in nine institutions of the state. The committee expresses regret that the fund is limited to \$20,000 as with this restriction only 50 or 60 per cent of the applications could be granted;

The Masonic Relief Foundation of Virginia provides hospital accommodation for Masons and their dependents. Lodges and Chapters share in this fund on equal basis, and voluntary subscriptions from Masons are solicited for its support. There is a Masonic home for children of deceased Masons in the state, and a proposal to establish a Masonic Old Folks Home is being considered. The great cardinal principles of Masonry, "Brotherly Love and Relief," are thus on a very practical basis.

In the Foreign Correspondence report Alberta, 1928, is reviewed. Commenting on the recommendations of M. E. Companion McNab it says that "Evidently all his recommendations went 'blooey' as we find no further allusion to them." Is this not too true of so many proposals for the betterment of Capitular Masonry in all Jurisdictions? Too often in spite of the sincerity of those who bring them forward, they only amount to expressions of pious sentiment.

Number of Chapters in the Jurisdiction, 73, with a membership of 18,059.

Grand High Priest elect for 1930, M. E. Companion S. Tate Sterritt.

James M. Clift, Grand Secretary.

J.W.V.

WASHINGTON

The Forty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Washington was held at Bellingham, May 13th and 14th, 1929.

M. E. Companion James H. Johnson, Grand High Priest.

Alberta was represented by E. Companion Alex Frazier.

The Grand High Priest, in his opening remarks, called attention to the fact that twelve years before he had been chosen as Grand Sentinel of Grand Chapter. He, at that time selected as his motto: "Aim high if you fall below." Evidently his aim was good as his report shows excellent executive ability combined with great activity, for he visited fifty-two chapters. His greatness is exemplified by his modesty: "A great deal of good was accomplished through a spirit of mutual co-operation."

Several outstanding events occurred during his term of office, viz:—

Washington Grand Chapter was entertained at Portland, Oregon, by the Grand Chapter of Oregon on January 26th.

Oregon Grand Chapter entertained Grand Chapter of Washington at Vancouver, Washington, March 9th.

Reception of M. E. Companion Adams, Grand First Principal of British Columbia, by Grand Chapter of Washington at Mt. Vernon, on March 14th.

Grand Chapter of British Columbia entertained Grand Chapter of Washington at Vancouver, B.C., February 5th.

Received visiting Royal Arch Masons from Australia at Bellingham, Washington, June 25th.

Chehalis Lodge celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, June 6th.

Sunset Royal Arch Chapter, No. 23, where M. E. Companion Johnson had been High Priest for four years, tendered a reception on June 28th, and presented him with a beautiful wrist watch.

The Grand High Priest concludes his splendid report with the following:

"Our institution is a cherished legacy given to us by those Past Grand Officers who established it under the trying hardships of pioneer days. The history of Royal Arch Masonry in this state is interesting. We, of the present day, have great advantages over those of our ancient brethren who unselfishly served that we might enjoy the fruits of their labours. May we continue the good work, profiting by the advantage of past experiences. By these worthy examples we should grasp the vision which governed our forefathers and with courage and wisdom add to it that posterity may in turn enjoy the fruits of our labours. By so living, these virtues will unfold the true Christ-like spirit and thereby aid the less fortunate by helping to bring about that peace and happiness internationally desired.

"Let us therefore exercise care in the selection of candidates for the orders of Masonry."

Under the heading "Annual Review," E. Companion Wesley C. Stone devotes a page of favorable comment to Alberta, paying particular attention to M. E. Companion MacNab's "sentiments of patriotism," and to M. E. Companion Middleton's "interesting address."

53 Chapters. 9,361 members. Loss, 34.

J.E.J.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of West Virginia was held at Clarksburg, October 8th, 1929.

M. E. Companion William Turner Morris, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Lawrence G. Kincheloe was present representing Alberta.

Ten Past Grand High Priests were present.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is worthy of reprinting in full. We excerpt as follows:—

"It is regrettable that our reports for this year will again show a loss in membership and while I do not judge the success or failure of any Capitular year by the numerical increase, yet there is every reason why we should not disregard the fact that the net loss of this Grand Jurisdiction is 166 members for this year, and our reports show still more startling facts, that there were 320 members suspended for N.P.D. and only 288 exalted. To me this is an evidence of a lessening of interest in Capitular Masonry in West Virginia and so presents a real problem.

"Too, a few years ago was the age of individualism but today we have the so-called machine age and the individual is but a cog in a great organization, and the slogan of the world is efficiency.

"It is my belief that to solve this problem we should have better organization, and we must recognize that conditions have changed, and that Capitular Masonry must keep abreast of the times if it is to grow and prosper. By keeping abreast of the times I do not mean in any sense to advocate the changing or disregarding of any so-called landmarks of Masonry, but I do strongly recommend that some effort be made to awaken Capitular Masonry to its great possibilities, and to organize its efforts instead of wasting its energies in half-hearted and misdirected activities."

This question is bothering not only Alberta, but apparently all Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand High Priest, feeling that a good Secretary is indispensable to the welfare of a Chapter, invited the constituent Chapters to send their Secretaries to this Grand Convocation. This was getting some action and providing the Grand Secretary means of contact with the various Secretaries throughout West Virginia.

The finances of Grand Chapter are not sufficient for its needs and the suggestion was made that additional revenue might be obtained by an assessment on degrees conferred. We question the advisability of carrying this plan too far.

It is interesting to note that West Virginia is the only Grand Chapter which confers the Cryptic Rite degrees sandwiched in with the other degrees. This was a special concession when West Virginia came into the General Grand Chapter.

West Virginia contributed \$905.00 to the Alabama Flood Relief.

Grand Treasurer reports a surplus on hand of \$6,696.73.

46 Chapters. Membership, 12,467. Decrease, 166.

Lawrence G. Kincheloe, Grand High Priest.

George M. Ford, Secretary and Foreign Correspondent.

M. M. D.

WISCONSIN

1927

The Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin have not been reviewed by the Alberta Committee on Foreign Correspondence for some time and it has been necessary to peruse three volumes in order to make this report.

Outstanding in every copy are the references by the several Grand High Priests and various committees to the Order of DeMolay and the Wisconsin Service Bureau.

Regarding the former we quote from the 1927 report: "I wish I could tell you all that teachers, parents and boys themselves have told of the wonderful character-building successes we have accomplished: of boys we have helped to be upright, patriotic American citizens, who might have been bad had it not been for our influence; disgraces to their families and friends."

While we suggest that Alberta is perhaps not yet ready for any departure on these lines, serious consideration of Companions' activities in other Jurisdictions might be a wise move.

R. E. Companion Cyrus S. Stockwell, Grand Lecturer, in his report deprecates the practice of obligating large classes of candidates at the same time. He says: "Henry Ford has made a success of 'mass production,' but I do not think that 'mass production' adds to the dignity of the Masonic profession."

113 Chapters. 25,367 members. Net gain, 940.

Winfield W. Gilman, Grand High Priest.

William W. Perry, Grand Secretary.

H.S.

WISCONSIN

1928

At the Convocation held in 1928 it was resolved "That R. E. Companion William W. Perry be officially proclaimed Grand Secretary

Emeritus . . . with full pay." R. E. Companion Perry had been Grand Secretary continuously since 1901, but "on account of delicate health had to be relieved of the responsibilities incident to that office."

113 Chapters. 25,947 members. Net gain, 580.

Clarence Hill, Grand High Priest.

William F. Weiler, Grand Secretary.

H.S.

WISCONSIN

1929

From the 1929 Proceedings we learn that R. E. Companion Cyrus S. Stockwell, Grand Secretary Emeritus, was called to the Grand Chapter above on June 19th, 1928, at the advanced age of 83 years. He had been Grand Secretary for 23 years. His reports in the Proceedings show how conscientiously he performed his duties.

We sympathise with the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin in their bereavement.

The Wisconsin Service Bureau appears to be a well organized and efficient body, and we cannot do better than quote from Alabama Correspondent's Review: "The report of the Masonic Service Bureau, an employment agency and clearing house of charity and sojourners' relief, deserves to be printed in Red Ink and broadcasted to the Craft, for it surpasses any system of charitable assistance that we have seen in Masonry."

A quotation is made from the Proceedings of California, which states that Wisconsin and Michigan are strongly for the De Molay idea, whilst Maine and Colorado are just as much opposed.

From the following proposed amendment to the Constitution, the discussion at the next annual Convocation should be instructive. We quote: "It shall be unlawful for the Secretary of any constituent Royal Arch Chapter to accept payment of such Chapter's annual dues from any of her members except such member is able to produce a duly stamped and sealed receipt showing all lodge dues legally due up to such date having previously been paid."

114 Chapters. 26,302 members. Net gain, 355.

Arthur A. Dusty, Grand High Priest.

William F. Weiler, Grand Secretary.

H.S.

WISCONSIN

1930

The Eightieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Wisconsin was held in the City of Milwaukee on February 18th, 1930.

M. E. Companion Arthur A. Dusty presided, and to support him were present thirteen Past Grand High Priests.

Distinguished guests were present from the General Grand Chapter and from the Grand Chapters of Minnesota and Illinois. The Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge and that of the Royal and Select Masters of Wisconsin were also present.

Alberta pays tribute to the memory of M. E. Companion Samuel Wright. We remember the years of 1915 and 1916 when in his correspondence he upheld the stand of Alberta. We cherish his memory and also welcome to the ranks of Correspondents M. E. Companion Edward T. Hayhurst, his successor.

M. E. Companion Dusty was asked how to create more interest and secure better attendance; he replied as follows: "The High Priest and other officers of a Chapter can in a great measure promote the attendance of their respective Chapters. The Chapters are not bigger than their officers. A presiding officer in order to have success and make a showing for his Chapter must have will power, personality, energy and enthusiasm. These qualities he should impart to his officers to put over a live and interesting program. On stated Convocations when there is no work, arrange a social evening, have a 6:30 dinner for Masons and their wives, invite Craft Masons and their wives occasionally. While the meeting is in progress the ladies can play cards, after the meeting have dancing. A few social evenings will do much to stimulate interest and make Companions anxious to attend Chapter."

The Grand High Priest recommends as follows:—

- \$ 500.00 be appropriated for Committee on Correspondence;
- \$ 25.00 be paid Grand Chaplain.
- \$1200.00 be paid Order of De Molay.
- \$1000.00 be paid Masonic Service Bureau.
- \$ 800.00 be paid to representatives to General Grand Chapter.
- Grand High Priest's expense allowance be increased from \$100 to \$400.
- \$2500.00 be Grand Lecturer's salary.
- \$1200.00 be Grand Secretary's salary.
- \$ 50.00 be paid to Auditor.

We cannot do things like that in Alberta.

The Order of De Molay is sponsored by this Grand Chapter and there are forty-two Chapters of De Molay. So much enthusiasm is shown for this movement in Wisconsin that we wonder if we are not missing something in Alberta.

The Order of High Priesthood was conferred.

The Address of M. E. Companion Dusty gives much food for thought.

Alberta was not reviewed, no doubt due to the change of Correspondent.

113 Chapters. Membership, 26,381. Increase, 79.

William M. Comstock, Grand High Priest.

William F. Weiler, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

WYOMING

The Twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Wyoming was held at Leander, July 9th, 1929, A.L. 2459, M. E. Companion Robert B. Rose, presiding.

Alberta represented by Companion Walter B. Saunders.

Many distinguished Companions were received and welcomed in a manner befitting their rank and station, amongst them—M. E. Companion Charles Clark Davis, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the United States; M. E. Companion John A. Whiting, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Wyoming; M. E. Companion O. Frank Hart, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the United States; and Companion Charles E. Keepers, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Colorado.

The High Priest in his address records only one decision and one ruling. He permitted a Chapter to install jointly with a Lodge, which seems peculiar to us as our ceremonies in Alberta are quite different.

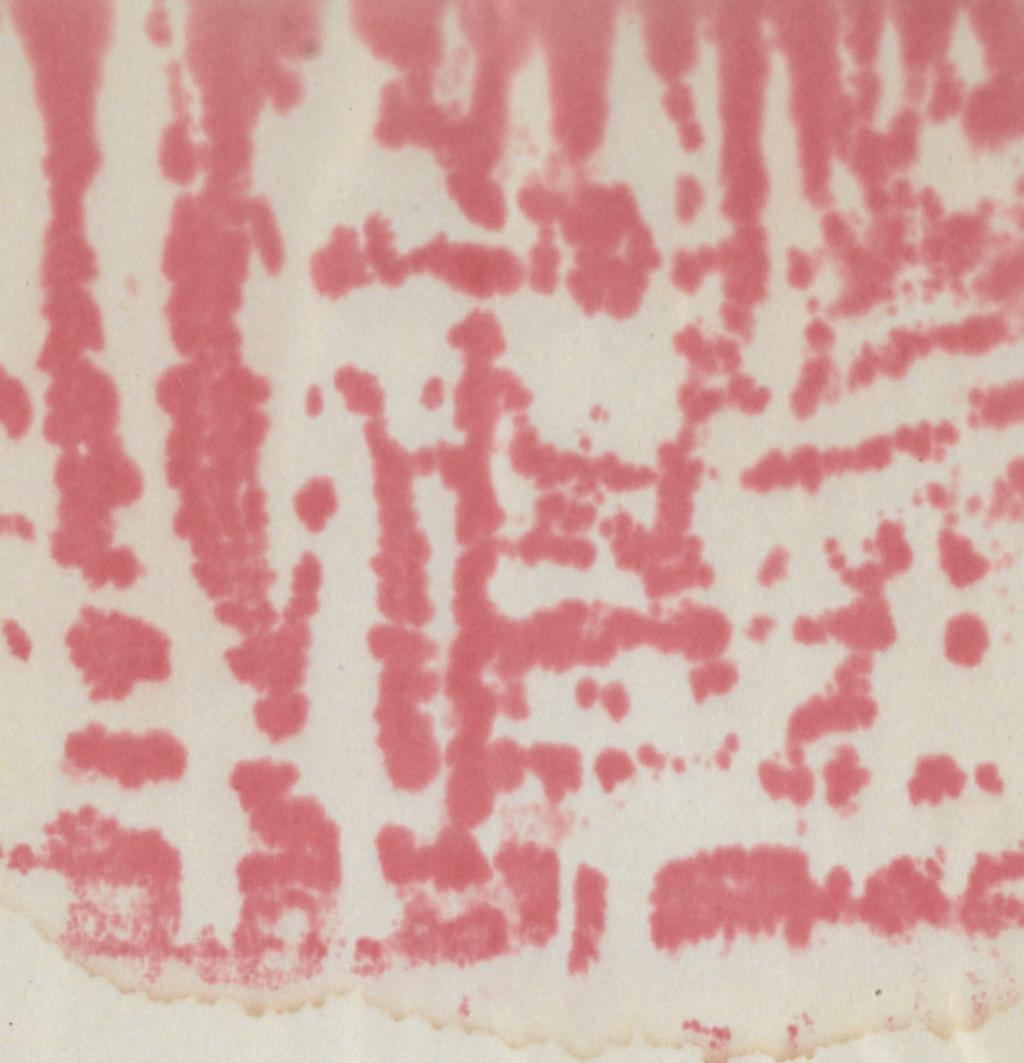
His recommendation that a Chapter require its candidates to pass an examination, in the previous degree before advancement, which was adopted by Grand Chapter, is our regular custom and is required by our constitution.

He recommended donations to the sufferers from flood and hurricane in Alabama and Florida and Grand Chapter concurred.

The Grand Secretary reports a membership of 2,233 with a loss of four only—a very fair showing, considering the general trend. He laments the fact that our Order appears to be losing its attraction for young people, ascribing this to modern social conditions, and he regrets that little has been done as yet to meet the competitions of the many other organizations. We agree with his statement that "The inherent strength of Masonry and its appeal still exist and always will" and that "It is up to the officers of the various bodies to so study that Masonry may be revealed in all its attractiveness."

He quotes an authority who estimates the number of organizations using Masonry as a basis for membership as forty-five. It is thus not to be wondered at that we have so many suspensions and it would seem to be opportune for the Grand Bodies to set some limitations on orders using Masonry as a source from which to draw members.

A.M.



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Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic Dates

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the common era—1930 and 4,000 equal to 5,930.

ROYAL ARCH—

Date from the year in which the Temple was commenced by Zerubbabel Anno Inventionis (A. I.) "in the year of discovery." Add 530 to the vulgar era—1930 and 530 equal to 2,460.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed—Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "in the year of the deposit." Add 1,000 to the common era, thus: 1930 and 1,000 equal to 2,930.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A. O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1930 less 1,118 equal to 812.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek—Anno Benefacio (A. B.). To the Christian era add 1913, thus: 1930 and 1913 equal to 3,843.

SCOTTISH RITE—

Same as Ancient Craft Masonry—except the Jewish chronology is used—Anno Mundi (A.M.) "in the year of the world." To get the common era add 3,760, thus: 1930 and 3,760 equal to 5,690. After September add another year.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Elected Officers for 1930

M. E. Comp. John W. G. Morrison . Grand First Principal Z.
Vermilion, Alberta

R. E. Comp. James A. McGhee Grand Second Principal H.
Didsbury, Alberta

R. E. Comp. Joseph V. Follett Grand Third Principal J.
Calgary, Alberta

R. E. Comp. Clifford R. Wentzel . Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)
809 9½ St. N.W., Calgary, Alberta

R. E. Comp. Matthew Robbins Grand Scribe N.
Edmonton, Alberta

R. E. Comp. Archie West Grand Principal Sojourner
Edmonton, Alberta

R. E. Comp. William C. Black Grand Treasurer
Calgary, Alberta

R. E. Comp. Albert E. Portman Grand Registrar
Calgary, Alberta

The Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter
of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of
Calgary, on Wednesday, the 18th day of March, 1931.
